New York 12th May 1762.

My Lord

I did myself the honour of writing to your Lordship on the 6th Aprill by the General Wall Packet: on the 8th the Pitt = Packet arrived here, and I received your Letters of the 7th 12th & 13th January, of which I acknowledged the Duplicates on the 6th Aprill.

I then acquainted your Lordship what Troops I had ordered to this Place, and that I feared from the great distance the Regulars were at, their departure from hence would be later than you might expect.

On the 28th His Majestys Ships Intrepid Chesterfield, and the Porcupine Sloop arrived here from Halifax, in which came a part of Major Goreham's Rangers.

On the 4th instant two of the Independent Companys arrived. on the 7th a detachment of the Rhode Island Troops, and on the 8th the other two New York Independents. Some of the New York Provincials are now going on board, and as the New Jersey are ready, I hope to send off the first Embarkation in a very few days. the Regiments from Canada can't be expected for some time.

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I acquainted your Lordship of what I had wrote to Major General Monckton; the last letter I had from him was of 19th March, which I re=ceived on 19th Aprill, in which he mentioned he had received no Letter from England, but had had an application from Governour Lyttleton through Admiral Rodney for a Succour of Troops, which the General wrote the Governour word, was not in his power to comply with without orders.

On the receipt of his Letter I wrote to him immediately, that I trusted he would receive Instructions from England soon after his dis=patches to me, but if he did not, I must give it him as my Opinion, that in the present appearance of the Spaniards assembling a Force at the Havanna and the French joyning them, in case Governour Lyttleton should require any Troops for the defence of Jamaica, General Monckton should furnish such as he could spare, and as he judg=ed sufficient for the protection of that Island, which I hope will meet with His Majesty's Approbation.

I gave you an account, My Lord how far the Provinces had proceeded in obedience to the King's Requisitions for raising the Provincials and the Recruits for the regular Regiments, since which some Amendments have been made.

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The Massachusetts have made up their number to 3220 and provided for 893 Recruits. I have ordered from that Government the same number of Men, to Halifax as was sent last year, the greatest part of which are already sailed.

New Jersey have provided for raising the number of Recruits demanded.

in Maryland the upper House have voted the number required for both Services but the Governour doubts whether the lower House will frame such a bill as can be passed for raising the Money.

Virginia has made provision for raising the Provincial Regiment, and for the Recruits as demanded.

South Carolina has voted for raising the Recruits required, but refuses to comply with the demand for Provincials, as impracticable to be done in that Province.

Your Lordship will see by my Letters to the several Governours that I have ordered the Provincial Troops, except such as are allotted for the Embarkation, to rendezvous the same as they did last year, and I have made dispositions also for their marching to the same Posts, that the works may be compleatly finished, and the Troops

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ready for any Services they may be called on.

Major General Gage has made his Report to me, of the State of the Government of Montreal in consequence of your Lordships Letter of 12th De=cember, which report I transmit to you as I have received it.

Lt Colonel Eyre, Chief Engineer, is returned from Fort Pitt, and makes a report rather un=favourable as to the Situation of the Place, I en=close his report for your Lordships information.

On the 8th instant the Harriott Packet arrived here and I had the honour of receiving your Lordships most secret Letter of 13th February, acquainting me that it was not doubted, but that my Lord Albemarle and Sir George Pocock would sail in a few days. I shall not fail to corres=pond with, and give Lord Albemarle every in=telligence in my power.

As to the Troops which will be required for the attack on Louisianne, I must depend en=tirely on his Lordship for furnishing them, for I thought I had taken every thing that could be spared from hence when General Monckton went away, and when those that are assembling, and are to assemble here are gone, I indeed should think it highly imprudent to take away one single

man more of the Regulars. but I beg leave to assure Your Lordship I will do all in my power to execute every part of the Service that I am honoured with.

I have lately made discovery of a most iniquitous proceeding in an illicit Trade, by which the Enemy has been furnished with Provisions and Stores from many parts of this Continent, the Ves=sels having sailed directly to the French Ports. I have thought it necessary to desire an Embargo to be laid on provisions in the several Governments, and I have wrote to the Governours, and the Sur=veyors General of the Southern and Northern De=partments, that a Stop may be put to this pernicious and destructive Trade.

I send Your Lordship such Letters as I have wrote on this Occasion that you may be fully informed of the Affair, and of the Steps I have taken thereon. You will perceive that the Enemy have not only meditated but in a great measure executed this design, so far as to receive their necessary Supplies from these Provinces, with=out which the Enemy must have been put to great distress. two of the principal People who have been sent and employed in settling a cor=respondence here for the above purposes, are at present

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in Goal, their names are Mess[rs]: Le Comte and Rieux.

I have received a Letter from Captain Ar=
=buthnot of His Majesty's Ship Oxford at Sea, who gives an account of his having taken a Transport near the Madeiras on the 3^d March, that she was bound to Louissiane had an Intendant, with some Officers and 160 private men on board, of the Regiment of Angumois, with many Chests of Arms, Gunpowder, and other military Stores, he mentions two other Transports having sailed on the said Service. I send your Lordship a Copy of the Letter.

As there are two Packets now here, I dis=
=patch the Pitt Packet with this. I have the honour to transmit to your Lordship all such papers as I judge can tend, to give you full in=
=formation of the State of things here, and I hope very soon to acquaint Your Lordship of the sailing of the Troops that will form the first Embarkation.

I am with the utmost Respect
My Lord
Your Lordship's
Most Humble
and most Obedient Servant
Jeff: Amherst.

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P. S: as I am closing this dispatch, I receive a Letter from Governour Sharpe of 25th Aprill ac=quainting me that the General Assembly of the Province of Maryland had broke up without hav=ing in any Respect whatever complied with His Majesty's Requisitions.

Jeff: Amherst.

Rt. Honble: Earl of Egremont

Endorsed Nw. York. May 12th 1762. / Sir Jeff: Amherst / R. June 19th.

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Schedule of Papers Referr'd to; in Major General Sir Jeffery Amherst's Letter to the Right Hon.ble the Earl of Egremont, Bearing Date, New York, 12th May 1762. —

No 1 .... Copy. / Letter from Governor Boone to Sir Jeffery Amherst; Acquainting the General that he had Laid the Earl of Egremont's Letter regarding the Recruits Demanded from the Province of Carolina for the Regular Corps before the Assembly, together with the General's on the Same Subject, as well as that Containing the Requisition for the Provincial Service, the Earl of Egremont's not having Arrived; but that he was Uncertain What Effect his Recommendations Might have on the Assembly, as they had not then Come to any Resolutions &ca .... 1762. 25th March

No 2 .... Copy. / Do from Do to Do; Enclosing a Message from the Assembly of South Carolina, Whereby it Appeared they had made provision for Raising the Number of Recruits demanded for the Regular Corps; but Represent the Impracticability of Complying with the King's Requisition for Raising any Provincials &ca .... 2d April

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No. 3 ..... Copy of a Message from the Assembly of South Carolina to Governor Boone – Enclosed in the foregoing .... 1762 30th March.

No. 4 ...... Copy./. The General's Answer to the two foregoing; That he firmly trusted the Province of South Carolina would have fully Complied with both the Measures Demanded by the King; but as they had only Made provision for the Recruits to be Raised for the Regular Corps, he Acquaints the Governor that he now Sends an Officer to Review the Recruits, and forward them to New York &ca ...... 4th May.

No. 5 ..... Copy./. Letter from Lt. Govr. Fauquier to Sir Jeffery Amherst; Acquainting the General that the Assembly of Virginia had not only Voted a Regiment of 1000 Men; but Agreed to Raise the 268 Required for the Regular Service, having Entered into both Measures with the greatest Alacrity & Spirit &ca .... 1st April

No. 6 ..... Lieut. Governor Fauquier's Speech to the Assembly of Virginia, on the King's Requisitions for the Service of the Year 1762. – Enclosed in the foregoing. –

No. 7 ..... Copy./. Letter from Lt. Govr. Fauquier

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to Sir Jeff: Amherst, That he was going to pass the Bill that day for Raising the Provincial Regiment, & for Levying the Recruits for the Regular Corps; & Desiring to have the General's Directions for their Disposition &ca. . . . . 1762 7th April

No. 8. . . . Copy./ The General's Answer to Lt. Govr. Fauquier's Letters of 1st & 7th April; That it gave him great pleasure to Learn the Assembly of Virginia had fully Complied with the King's Requisitions. Desires the Provincial Regimt. May be in readiness for Marching Either to the North or South, & that he Should Send a Regular Of=ficer to Receive & Review the Recruits &ca. . 22d April.

No. 9. . . . Copy./ Letter from Sir Jeff: Amherst to Lt. Govr. Fauquier; Acquainting him, that he now Sent Lieut Campbell of the Royal Americans to Review the Recruits to be Raised in the Colony of Virginia, & to forward them to New York &ca. . . . . . 4th. May.

No. 10. . . . . Copy./ Letter from Governor Sharpe to Sir Jeffery Amherst; That he had passed a Vote for Raising 400 Provincials for One Year, And the Number of Recruits demanded for the Regular Service; but

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that the Lower House of Assembly had been More than a Fortnight in Framing a Bill for granting the Money Necessary for those Purposes; And that he Doubted Whether they would frame any Other than Such as had been already Rejected Nine times by the Upper House. The Governor however Adds that if he finds Nothing can be done, in Raising New Money, he will press the Assembly to Appropriate a Sum for furnishing the Recruits for the Regulars, there being Sufficient for that purpose already in the Treasury . . . . 1762 7th April

No. 11 . . . . . Copy./ The General's Answer; That he flattered himself both Houses of the Maryland Assembly would agree So as to Enable the Governor to pass the Bill for the pay of the Troops Demanded by the King; And Commending his Intentions of pressing the Assembly to Appropriate a Sum for furnishing the Recruits for the Regulars, in Case they do not agree on the ways & Means for Raising both Quotas . . . . 18th April

No. 12 . . . . . Copy./ Letter from Lt. Govr. Hamilton to Sir Jeff: Amherst; That as the Assembly

of Pensylvania was to Meet on the 3d May
he Intended to Try them once More, on
the King's Requisitions, altho' from their
past behavior, he had little hopes of their 1762
doing any thing Effectual, &ca. . . . . 21st. April.
No. 13 . . . . Copy /. The General's Answer; That
if the Assembly of Pensylvania at their
next Meeting, persisted in Refusing to Com=
=ply with the King's Commands, he was
Certain they would Reason to Repent here=
=after of their Undutifull Behavior &ca. . 24th April
No. 14 . . . . Copy /. Letter from Sir Jeff: Amherst
to Govr. Hardy; Requesting the Governor to
Call the New Jersey Assembly, and Repre=
=sent to them the Necessity of their Com=
=plying with the King's Demand of Re=
=cruits for the Regulars, which now, since
the Confirmation of a Spanish War, be=
=came Much More Requisite than before—7th. April.
No. 15. . . . . Copy / Letter from Govr. Hardy to
Sir Jeff: Amherst, Acquainting the General
that the Assembly had Come to a Resolu=
=tion of Granting the Encouragement De=
=manded for Raising their Quota for
Recruiting the Regulars &ca. . . . . 28th. April.
No. 16. . . . . Copy /. The General's Answer; That it

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was, with great pleasure he Learnt the Assembly of New Jersey had come to a Resolution to Grant Encouragement for Raising the Quota Demanded for the Regular Corps, and was persuaded they would Rejoyce hereafter, When they found that their Compliance with the King's Commands met with His Majesty's Approbation . . . . 1762 28th April.

No. 17. . . . . Copy / Letter from Gov.r Hardy to Sir Jeff: Amherst; Acquainting the General of the Detachm.t of Jersey Troops Intended for Immediate Service being Assembled at Elizabeth Town; That the Remainder of the Regiment were likewise Ready; And Assuring him that he would do Every thing in his power to forward the Raising of the Recruits for the Regular Service &ca. 6th May

No. 18. . . . . . Copy / The Generals Answer to the foregoing; That he was glad to find the Detachment of Jersey Troops, Intended for Immediate Service, were Come to Elizabeth Town, and Desires the Governor will Order the Remainder to proceed in Sloops to Albany, as in former Years &ca. . . . . . 8th May.

No. 19. . . . . Copy / Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst

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to Lt. Govr. Colden; Requesting him to Repeat his Orders for hastening the Formation of the Detachment of Yorkers Intended for the Expedition, that they might be im=mediately Embarked .... 1762 5th May

No. 20 ..... Extract / Letter from Lt. Govr. Colden to Sir Jeff: Amherst, Enclosing Copy of his message to the Assembly in regard to Compleating the Quotas already Voted, with their Resolutions thereupon, Whereby it appears they Decline passing any fur=ther Laws for that purpose .... 5th May

No. 21 .... Copy / Lt. Govr. Colden's message to the Assembly of New York, Enclosed in the foregoing .... 4th May

No. 22 .... Copy / Resolves of the Assembly of New York. _ Enclosed also in the foregoing .. 5th May

No. 23 .... Extract / Letter from Sir Jeff: Amherst to Lt. Governor Colden; Acknowledging the Receipt of the foregoing Letter; and begs the Detachment intended for Immediate Service may be formed without delay, &ca. 6th May.

No. 24 .... Copy / Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst to Govr. Fitch; Desiring the Remainder of the Connecticutt Troops (after Sending the Quota Required for immediate Service to

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New York) May be Ordered to proceed to Albany, as in former Years, where they would be Mustered, and be forwarded to their Destination &ca .... 11th April 1762

No. 25. .... Copy/. Letter from Governor Fitch to Sir Jeff: Amherst; That the Companys of the Connecticutt Regimts were nearly full, & that they only waited to Receive their Cloathing, Bounties, &ca. to proceed to their Destinations .... 16th April

No. 26. .... Copy/. Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst to Govr. Fitch; Requests that all possible Ex=pedition May be Used in ordering the Detachment of Connecticutt Troops Intend=ed for Immediate Service to New York, & in forwarding the Remainder to Albany. 18th April

No. 27..... Copy/. Letter from Sir Jeff: Amherst to Govr. Hopkins; Desiring the Remainder of the Rhode Island Troops (after Sending the Quota Demanded for immediate Ser=vice to New York) May be Embarked on board Sloops, & ordered to proceed to Albany, as in former Years .... 11th April.

No. 28.... Copy/. Letter from Govr. Bernard to Jeff: Amherst, Acquainting him that the 2000 Men Voted last Session, were Compleatly

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Raised, & that he was in hopes the As=
=sembly at their next Meeting, would make
provision for the full Number of Provincials,
& Assist in some way the Recruiting
the Regulars .... 1762 8th April.

No. 29 ..... Copy./ Letter from Sir Jeff: Amherst
to Gov.r Bernard; Acknowledging the Rec.t
of the foregoing & Acquaints the Governor
of his having Ordered Transports to be
taken up at Boston for carrying 732
Men, Including Officers to Halifax, which,
with those already there, would Make up
the Number Employed at that place,
the last Year; and Desires the Remain=
=der of the Massachusetts Troops May
March without Delay, to Albany, as in
former Years, &ca. .... 18th April.

No. 30 .... Copy./ Letter from Gov.r Bernard
to S.r Jeff: Amherst; Acquainting the
General of the Assembly having Made
Provision for Compleating the Massachusetts
Forces to 3220 Men; And likewise granted
a Bounty for Raising 893 Recruits for
the Regular Corps &ca .... 17th April.

No. 31 ..... Copy./ Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst
to Governor Bernard; That he was very

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glad to find the Assembly had made a further provision for Compleating the Provincial Troops, & that they had Exactly Complied with the Terms for Raising the Recruits for the Regular Corps; And Informs the Governor that he had sent orders to Lt. Elliot of the Royal to Review the Recruits, & forward them to New York, as fast as Raised; &ca. . . . . 1762 21st. April.

No.32 . . . . Extract./ Letter from Govr. Bernard to Sir Jeffery Amherst; That he he had Re=viewed the Detachmt. ordered for Halifax, & given Orders for their Embarkation; And that he should put the Remainder in Motion immediately for the Westward &ca. . 29th. April

No. 33. . . . . Extract./ The General's Answer; Thank=ing him for the Orders he had given for Expediting the Embarkation of the Troops for Halifax, & hastening the March of the Remainder to the Westward . . . 6th. May

No.34 . . . . Extract./ Letter from Govr. Wentworth to Sir Jeffery Amherst; That as the New=Hampshire Assembly had Made the Grants for the Quotas of Men Demanded, he should make the Levies the Main Object of his Attention &ca. . . . . 31st. March

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No. 35. .... Copy / The General's Answer; That he Relyed on both the quotas being Raised; And Desiring the Provincial Regimt. may be ordered to March, by Companys, So soon as any are formed to Crown point by the Route of No. 4. as last Year &ca. 1762 11th April.

No. 36. .... Copy / Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst to Govr. Wentworth; Acquainting the Governor of his Sending Lieut. Irwin to Review the Recruits for the Regular Service, & to forward them to New York &ca. .... 28th April

No. 37. .... Copy / Letter from Captain Arbuthnot Commander of His Majesty's Ship Orford, to General Amherst: Acquainting the General of his having taken off Madeira a French Transport bound for Louisiana, with an Intendant on board, Some Troops, Arms, Ammunition &ca. and Containing some Other Intelligence of a French Fleet; Dated at Sea .... 15th March

No. 38 ... Major General Gage's Report of the State of the Government of Montreal ... 20th March.

No. 39. .... Copy / Lt. Colonel Eyre's Report of the State of the Works of Fort Pitt, since the Inundation of the Rivers Allegheny & Monongehely .... 28th April.

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No. 40 .... Copies of Letters from Sir Jeffery Amherst to the Several Governors on the Continent of North America; In relation to the Illicit Trade Carried on with the Enemy, & Containing full Discoverys of the Schemes formed for Supplying their Settlements with provisions from this Continent, by Means of False Clearances, &ca. In the perusal of these Letters will be Seen to What a Height this pernicious & most destructive Commerce had Arrived at, Owing, in a great Measure, to the Neglect, or Connivance of the Custom house Officers, at the several ports ....

No. 41 .... Copy / Letter from Govr. Sharpe to Sir Jeffery Amherst; Acquainting the General that the Assembly of Maryland had broke up, without having, in any Respect Whatever Complied with His Majesty's Requisitions &ca .... 1762 25th April.

Endorsed Schedule of Papers / Referr'd to in Sir Jeffery Amherst's Letter to The Earl / of Egremont Dated / New York, 12th May 1762.

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Copy /.

Charles Town, So. Carolina, March 25th 1762.

Sir,

By the way of Philadelphia, I before Ac=knowledged the Honor of your two Letters of the 4th & 9th of Febry., as I now do that of the 21st. which Reached me this Morning, as well as Lord Egremonts' under your Cover, communi=cating His Majesty's Requisition of Men, to Com=pleat the Regular Regiments in America; Upon the Strength of your former One of the 9th. the Secretary of State, his Circular One not Arriving, I Represented in the Strongest Terms That I was Master of, the Expediency, the Advantage, & Even the Necessity of Raising such a Num=ber of Men as the Situation of the Inhabitants of this Province would Allow, with the utmost Dispatch; And as Nothing could be more Ex=plicit, or more Cogent than your Letter, so I thought Myself Justified, in making the Application, even without the Weight which His Majesty's Immediate Requisition would certainly have with Faithfull & Spirited Subjects: And this Morn=ing I have Laid before the Assembly the King's Expectation of Recruits, and a Specification of the Quota, and Terms you have Resolved to

Allow as well to the Men as Officers that shall Raise them; both these Matters are actually before them, as Zealously Recommended by me, as they are Urgently Demanded, and I firmly believe they will do their Utmost, but I am too well Acquainted with what that really is, to flatter Myself, that it will Answer the Hopes of those who per=haps are not so well Apprized of the Situation of this Province; I may say so much to You, Sir, to whom I have the Honor of being known, without Incurring the Suspicion, that I can be Luke Warm, in any Matters which Concerns His Majesty's Service—

The Assembly have at my Request, Con=tinued two Companies of Rangers, which I thought Necessary, as well to Shew the Indians we were not off our Guard, as to Accelerate the Delivery up of the Remaining Prisoners in their Hands; and to keep open the Communication with Fort Prince George, which I found very Ill Supplied with provisions. They have also Resolved to Repair or Rebuild Fort Moor on Savannah River, which is well Situated, and a Necessary Check on the Creeks; I mention these Circumstances to Shew that We are not Ill Disposed to do what We ought & can, what that may turn out, you

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shall be Acquainted with as soon as possible. There are some Deserters here which shall be Sent by the first opportunities to their Respective Regiments unless you should Order Otherwise.

I Sincerely & heartily Congratulate you on General Monckton's Success, which I have no Authentic Account of, but have no Doubt about.

I Have the Honour to be, / Sir,
with the greatest Regard & Respect
Your Excellency's, / &ca
Tho. Boone.

His Excell'y. Sir Jeffery Amherst.

Endorsed Copy./ Letter from Governor / Boone to Sir Jeffery Amherst. / Dated Charles Town, 25th March 1762. / Acquainting the General that he had / Laid the Earl of Egremont's Letter / regarding the Recruits Demanded from / the Province of Carolina, for the Regular / Corps before the Assembly, together with / the General's on the Same Subject, as / well as that Containing the Requisition / for the Provincial Service, the Earl of / Egremont's not having Arrived; but / that he was Uncertain What Effect his / Recommendations might have on the / Assembly, as they had not then Come / to any Resolutions &ca. - / in Sr. J. Amherst's of May 12: 1762 / No. 1.

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Copy. 1.

April 2d. 1762 Charles Town So. Carolina

Sir,

Since writing the one Enclosed of the 25th. Ult°. I have Received a Message from the Assembly, in Answer to both Mine, a Copy of Which, for Your Satisfaction I Enclose; You will Observe they Repre=sent it as impracticable to Raise any Additional Number of Troops to be in the Pay of the Province, as well on Account of the Expence, as the Scarcity of Men; The last I believe I had formerly an Opportunity of Mentioning to You, When not Connect=ed with this Province, as I am at present; and it may be Necessary to Inform You with Regard to the first, that the Cherokee War alone has Cost this Colony above £100,000 Sterling to be Sunk in five Years from the time of Issueing the Money; as I Shall, to the utmost of my power, on all Occasions, promote His Majesty's Service, so do I think it Incumbent upon Me to do Justice to the Zeal & Inclinations of a well Disposed People.–

With regard to the Requisition of Recruits You will See the Assembly have Voted Fifteen Hundred Pounds Sterling to be Employed as I Shall think the Most proper for Answering Your

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Purpose effectually; And allowing Five Pounds Ster=ling a Man Additional Bounty Money there will Still Remain a Small Overplus; but Your two Requisitions were in Some Respects Connected, for You Supposed the Provincial Officers were to Recruit for the Regulars, but the Assembly not Complying with the first, an Additional Expence Must be Incurred for the Second; You Desire me to Acquaint You as soon as possible When I think the Men will be Raised, in Com=pliance with Which I Must Express My firm Opinion that it will be a great While first, if ever; this belief is founded on the Situation of the Province, And the Moderate Success that even Gentlemen of Property, and Influence met with, in Recruiting for the Provincial Regiment, When the Bounty was Seven Pounds Sterling, one Shilling a day pay, And the terms of Service far less Severe to Colonists: I shall however Use My Strenuous Endeavors to procure the Men, & have Sketched out Several Schemes for this Purpose, Which I have Calculated in Such Manner, that but little of the Money will be dissipated if We are Un=successfull; and that the Remainder will be payable to Your Order, if You Should think pro=per to Employ the Officers of the Regulars in

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this Service; In all Events the Sooner You send the Officer to pass, & take Charge of such Men as May be Raised the better it will be, no doubt, as they certainly will get away if they can, and the Means of Securing them will not be so ready now, as if the first Re=quisition had been Complied with; and Provin=cial Officers Employed. I have Endeavored, Sir, to Explain What You really may Expect; but You May Assure Yourself that I Shall Spare no pains.–

I have the Honor to be with the greatest Regard, & Respect Sir,

&ca.

Thos. Boone

His Excellency Sir Jeffery Amherst.

Endorsed Copy./ Letter from Govr. Boone / to Sir Jeffery Amherst – Dated / Charles Town, 2d April 1762. / Enclosing a Message from the Assembly / of South Carolina, Whereby it appeared / they had made pro=vision for Raising / the Number of Recruits Demand=ed for / the Regular Corps, but Represent the / Im=practicability of Complying with / the King's Requi=sition for Raising / Any Provincials &ca. / in Sr. J. Amherst's of May 12: 1762 / No. 2.

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Copy. 1.

Message from the Assembly of South Carolina to Governor Boone.—

May it Please Your Excellency,

This House having Maturely Deliberated on Your Excellency's Messages of the 23d & 25th March Instant, Accompanied with the Letters from the Earl of Egremont, & General Amherst, relative to the Proportion of Men to be Raised by this Province, as well to fill up the Corps under General Amherst as for keeping on foot, such other Number of Troops as the Circumstances, & Situation of this Province will admit of, Beg leave to Observe to Your Excellency, that Considering the very Small Number of White Inhabitants in the Province, and the high price of Labor, they are of Opinion it will be very Difficult, to Raise the Number of Recruits Demanded by General Amherst, to fill up the Regulars, and could they be Raised, that the Sending away so Many Men, would Sensibly diminish the Safety of the Province; Yet this House ever Desirous to Demonstrate their Zeal for His Majesty's Service, & to promote the Success of His Arms, and depending on His Majesty, for any Necessary Succour, or Assistance, Which the Province may have occasion for, to Defend it against

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the Attacks of its Enemies, Has Resolved to Grant One a Sum of Ten Thousand Five Hundred Pounds, as an Encouragement to Induce such a Number of Men, as can be prevailed upon to Enlist for the said purpose; And we Assure Your Excellency our utmost Influence shall be Exerted to give Effect to this Measure.

This House further take leave to Represent to Your Excellency, that they think it impracticable at this time to Raise any Additional Number of Troops to be added to those already in the Pay of this Province; Experience has Shewn the Difficulty of it; and Considering the few Inhabitants of this Colony; the still fewer Who are Subject to the payment of Tax; the great Expence already Incurred, and the Load of Taxes Which the Inhabitants of this Province Must Struggle with, for Years to Come, Occasioned by Raising a Regiment in 1757; Four Troops Consisting of Three Hundred Rangers; Another Regimt. in 1760; the Expedition against the Cherokees Under Governor Lyttelton; And the heavy Charge of Raising two Regiments one of Foot, Under Colonel Middleton, & one of Horse Under Major Thompson, to Join and Co-operate with Colonel Grant, against the Cherokees in 1761, besides

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Other Extraordinary Expences of Government, they cannot think it Adviseable, or Expedient to Incurr any further Expence on this Account, least thereby they May Injure the Publick Credit, and Incapacitate themselves on any future Emergency from doing any Effectual Service to the Province.—

In the Commons House of Assembly—
the 30th. Day of March 1762.—

By order of the House:
Rt. Smith C Speaker

Endorsed Copy of a Message from the / Assembly of South Carolina, / to Governor Boone 30th. March 1762 / Enclosed in the Governor's to Sir / Jeffery Amherst of 2d April 1762 / in Sr. J. Amherst's of May 12: 1762 / No. 3.

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Copy./

New York, 4th May 1762.

Sir,

On the 24th Ultimo, I had the favor of Re=ceiving both Your Letters of the 25th March, and 2d April, Acquainting Me of the Proceedings of Your Assembly in Consequence of His Majesty's Requisitions, as contained in One of the Earl of Egremont's Letters, & two of Mine, that of His Lordship's respecting the Quota Demanded for the Provincial Service not having Come to Your hands.—

I am so well Convinced of Your Duty for the King, And Your Zeal for Doing Every thing to the good of His Majesty's Service, that I can have no Doubt of Your having Used Your utmost in Representing to the Assembly the Expediency, Advantage, & even Necessity of Raising in Obedience to the King's Commands, such a Number of Men as the Situation of the In=habitants of the Province would Allow: There certainly Never was a time When the Measures proposed, were more Necessary, than at present. The Mother Country being greatly Drained of Men, by the Continual Supplys furnished through=out the Course of the War, and having on Many

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Occasions Impressed Men for the Service, it is but reasonable that the Several Colonies, on this Continent Should Exert their utmost Endeavors to Enable His Majesty to Reduce His Enemies, so as to Accept of Terms of Peace, Honorable to the Crown, and Advantageous to His Subjects.–

I Firmly trusted that the Province of South Carolina would have fully Complied with both the Measures Demanded by the King; but as the Assembly has Made Provision only for the Recruits to be Raised for the Regular Corps; And that You are pleased to tell Me You had formed Several Schemes for Raising the Men, I now Dispatch a Vessell (to be followed soon by Another) with Lieut. Ramsay of the Royal Americans, Who has my Directions to Review the Recruits, and pay their Additional Bounty, if they Insist upon Receiving it at Charles Town; altho' I would Much rather they were not paid it, Untill their arrival here: It is not in my power to send Regular Officers for the Recruiting Service, That was never Intended; but as You had some Over plus Money; And that the Forty Shillings Reward Offered by Me to the Provincial Officers, Shall be Paid to the Persons Whom You Employ to Recruit the Men,

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I am hopefull the Schemes You May have been pleased to put in Execution, will have the Desired Success.—

As the Vessells I send will be provided with Provisions for the Men, I Have Directed Lieut: Ramsay to order them on board, as fast as he passes them; and When he has got a Sufficient Number for one Vessell, to order her Round to this Place, giving Strict Charge to the Master not to Suffer any of them to get on Shore, Untill he has Reported his arrival to Me.—

I am particularly Obliged to You for Securing the Deserters; And as it is very probable You May have had Opportunitys of Sending them to their Regiments before this Comes to Your hands, I can only Approve of, And thank You for Your great Attention to the good of His Majesty's Service, Which I am Sure will Always be Studied in the Government Where You Preside: Had the Same Care been taken throughout the Colonies, the Regiments would not have been thin'd as they are, by Desertion; And, as those Deserters never could be of any Service to the Country, While they were Obliged to Skulk in Corners, they became Useless to the Provinces, and the Evil Arising to the King's Service very great.—

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Having Appointed Mr. Turner to the Lieutenancy in the South Carolina Independents, Vacant by the Death of Lieut. Shaw, he goes in the same Vessell with Lieut. Ramsay; And I have taken that Oppor=tunity to send Under the Care of Lieut. Turner, the Arms for the Independent Companys, which I some time since Acquainted You I should make up. As the old Arms may be of Use, when Re=paired, I send orders to the Captains of the Re=spective Companies, immediately on their receiving the New, to Deliver the old Arms to Lieut. Ramsay, that he may forward them to this place, by the Vessells that bring the Recruits.–

I am, with great Regard, / Sir, / &ca.

Jeff: Amherst.

His Excellency Governor Boone.

Endorsed Copy / Letter from Sir Jeffery / Amherst to Governor Boone / Dated New York, 4th May 1762. / In Answer to Governor Boone's of the 25th March, & 2d April / That He firmly trusted the Province of / South Carolina would have fully Complied / with both the measures Demanded by the / King; but as they had only made provision / for the Recruits to be Raised for the Regular / Corps, he Acquaints the Governor, that he / now sends an Officer to Review the Recruits, / and forward them to New York &ca. / in Sr. J. Amherst's of May 12: 1762 / No. 4.

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Copy. 1.

Wms.burgh, April 1st. 1762—

Sir,

I Have the pleasure to Inform You by Mr. Thomas Walker, the Contractor with Messrs. Plumsted & Franks, for the Victualling our former Regiment, that the Assembly Met on the 30th. March, and that Yesterday the House of Burgesses Voted a Regiment of 1000 Men to be kept in the pay of the Colony for Six Months; And Agreed to Raise the 268 You have Required, as Recruits for the Regi=ments on the British Establishment. They Entered into with so much Alacrity & Spirit, that I thought it not adviseable to Mention Your last Favor of the 2d. March, as I thought they did not want that, or any Other Spur to Comply with His Ma=jesty's Requisition. This has almost Exceeded my Expectations, though I Used Every Method I thought Most likely to Induce the Gentlemen of the Colony to Raise a New Regiment; and from the know=ledge I have Acquired into their Disposition and Turn, I am Vain enough to think I hit upon the Right.

I Have taken the Liberty to Enclose to You my Speech to them on the Occasion, by Which You will please to Observe that I have Urged them very

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Strongly, and Strained My Influence to the utmost Stretch; therefore I hope I Shall never have Oc=casion to Repeat it, for Attempts of this Sort al=way do, and Must fail, When Repeated.—

The Declaration of War I mention at the End of my Speech was brought in here, as it were, by Accident, so that I have no Authority to grant Letters of Marque & Reprisals, not having received that, or my Instructions authentically.—

As I Apprehend the 268 Men will be of more Service to His Majesty, than the Provincials, I Shall Order the Officers Recruiting for both Ser=vices to let the Deficiency, if We cannot Raise the Whole Number Voted, rather fall on the Pro=vincial Regiment, than on the Recruits for the British Regiments. I shall be glad to be Inform=ed as Soon as possible, Whether Your Excellency proposes to Send Transports for these Men, or to have them Marched by Land, that I May Dispose of them, as Raised, in that part of the Colony, Which will be Most beneficial for the Intended Disposition of them.—

Mr. Walker will take in person Your Ex=cellency's Orders, as to the Provisions, Tents &ca. to be furnished by the Crown. He will also bring up with him the Accots. for the Year 1760, as

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passed by the Commissioners appointed by Act of Assembly to pass the Accounts of the Colony, Who have the Vouchers now in their hands Which are Numerous.—

As soon as an Act is passed for the pro=vision of these Men, I will give Your Excellency Notice by Express When I will advise of any Other Matter, Which May have Slipt My Memory in the great hurry I am now in.—

I am, with the highest Esteem, & Respect,

Sir,

&ca.

Fran: Fauquier.

His Excellency Sir Jeffery Amherst.

Endorsed Copy./ Letter from Lt. Governor / Fauquier to Sir Jeffery Amherst; / Dated Wmsburgh, 1st. April 1762/ Acquainting the General that the / Assembly of Virginia, had not only Voted / a Regiment of 1000 Men; but agreed to / Raise the 268 Required for the Regular / Service, having Entered into both Measures/ with the greatest Alacrity & Spirit, &ca. / in Sr. J. Amherst's of May 12: 1762 / No. 5.

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Copy/.

Wmsburgh, April 7th 1762.

Sir,

I am this day going to pass the Bill for the Raising the Regiment of 1000 Men, and for Levying 268 to be Incorporated in the Regi=ments on the British Establishment in America: The latter of which Corps, I shall, if possible, make Complete, & Let the Deficiency, if all the Men cannot be Raised, fall on our Provincial Regi=ment. I shall hope for Your Excellency's Direc=tions as to the Disposition of both Corps as soon as you can do it with Convenience. Our Men are to be put under your Command.—

I Have received from Captain Bullit of our Regiment a Chart of the Course of the Waters & Mountains, together with the Distances, from our Back Settlements to the Overhills Chero=kee Towns. Ensign Timberlake went down Hol=ston's River, which he found Navigable all the way for Boats, which Draw 10 or 12 Inches Water, & up the Tanassee into those Towns. I am Informed Colonel Stephen has sent your Excellency One Copy of this Draught.

What I has to offer to Your Excellency, is, that if you purpose to keep any Men on

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our South West Frontiers, I may Retain Captain Bullit & Ensign Timberlake for that Service, and that you would be pleased to Send an Engineer with proper Instruments, who, with the Assistance of those two Gentlemen, might make a Correct Military Map of the Country, Course of the Hills, and Waters, to the Westward of the Allegheny Mountains, from the Cherokee Towns Northwards as far as Fort Pitt. This Proposal of these Gentlemen appears to me to be a very usefull Measure, which I Submit to Your better Judg=ment; and Am, with the greatest Regard & Esteem,

Sir,

&ca.

Fran: Fauquier.

His Excell.y Sr. Jeff: Amherst.

Endorsed Copy./. Letter from Govr. Fauquier / to Sir Jeffery Amherst; Dated / Williamsburgh. 7th April 1762. / That he was going to pass the Bill / that day, for Raising the Provincial / Regiment, and for Levying the Recruits / for the Regular Corps; & Desiring to have / the General's Directions for this Disposition / &ca. -/ in Sr. J. Amherst's of May 12: 1762 / No. 7.

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Copy.)

New York, 22^d. April 1762 –

Sir,

Mr. Walker arrived here Yesterday, and Delivered me Your Letter of the 1st.; And this day I had, the favor of that of the 7th. Instant.–

'Tis with pleasure that I Learn the Assembly of Virginia have fully Complyed with the King's Requisitions: I Could only have Wished no Limited time for the Provincial Regiment had been Mentioned, as that is always Attended with bad Consequences: They may be persuaded they Should not be Detained any Longer than His Majesty's Service required them to be kept up; but the fixing a time for their Discharge Serves only to Make them Negligent in their Duty, and to Look with Impatience to the Expiration of their time.–

I Have already Acquainted You, that I would have the Provincial Regiment in readiness for Marching either to the North or South; and I have only to Request You will give such Directions for that purpose as You Shall judge best, that they May Rendezvous at the Most Centrical place for Either of those Routes.–

I am well Convinced of the Utility that

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would Arise to the Country in general by having proper Surveys Made; And if the Service would permit, I should gladly Send You an Engineer to Attend the two Provincial Officers, Who propose to make a Map of the Country, Course of the Hills &ca. beyond the Allegany Mountains; but, at present Matters of More Immediate Importance, Require their Services.—

Altho' I Flatter Myself You will be able to Compleat both the Quotas, Yet I Must Ap=prove of Your Intentions of letting the Deficiency, if there Should be any, happen rather on the Pro=vincials, than the Recruits for the Regulars, as the last Mentioned Service is certainly of the utmost Importance.

I would, by no Means, think of Marching the Recruits by Land; And Shall therefore Send Vessells on purpose, so soon as I know there is Any Progress Made in the Recruiting; and a Regular Officer Shall likewise be Sent to Review and Approve of the Men.—

I Shall Settle Matters with Mr. Walker, about the Provisions, Tents, &ca. Necessary for the En=sueing Campaign; altho' I have not, as Yet, had time to talk to him on the Subject.—

Immediately on his Arrival, I Directed the

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Commissioners, Who had the Settlement of Genl. Shirleys Accompts to Meet, and Examine the Provision Accompts for 1760 Which You Acquainted Me Mr. Walker had brought with him; but they have Reported to me this Morning, that as Mr. Walker has left the Vouchers in the hands of the Virginia Commissioners, they can do Nothing in the Affair, Untill they are Laid before them. This I think very Necessary, as there May be Charges Which I cannot pass without Directions from home; And as this can only be Determined on Seeing the Vouchers, I must Desire You will be pleased to transmit them, Under the Care of some proper Person, that the Whole May be Examined & finished; but as Mr. Walker has presented an Accompt of the Charges, as Settled by the Virginia Commissioners, together with a Certificate Under Your hand, of the Money having been paid, I think proper to grant a Warrant in the Meantime for Ten Thousand Pounds Sterling, on Account; Annexing Your Certificate &ca. to the Said Warrant; and particularly Mentioning that the Remainder is to be paid, When the proper Vouchers are produced, and the Accompt Settled; Which Warrant I herewith Enclose to You, and I have Ordered Mr. Mortier, the Dep. Paymr. General to Send

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Directions to Colonel Hunter to pay the same, when presented to him, taking the Usual Acquittances.–

I am, with great Regard,

Sir,

&ca.

Jeff: Amherst.

Hon.ble Lt Governor Fauquier.

Endorsed Copy./ Letter from Sir Jeffery / Amherst to Lt Govr Fauquier/ Dated New York, 22d April 1762/ In Answer to Lt Govr Fauquier's Letters /of 1st & 7th April; That it gave him great / pleasure to Learn the Assembly of Virginia / had fully Complied with the King's / Requisitions: Desires the Provincial Regt / May be in Readiness for Marching / Either to the North or South; & that he / Should Send a Regular Officer to Receive / And Review the Recruits &ca.– / in Sr J: Amherst's of May 12: 1762 / No. 8.

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Copy./.

New York, 4th May 1762.

Sir,

This will be Delivered to You by Lieut. Donald Campbell of the Royal Americans, Whom I Send in a Vessell to Virginia, with Directions to Review the Recruits that the Colony has made provision for, to fill up the Regular Corps; And immediately on his passing them, to Order them on board; and as Soon as there is a Sufficient Number for One Vessell to forward them to this Place, with Directions to the Master not to permit one of the Men to get on Shore, Untill he has Reported his Arrival to me.—

As One Vessell will not be Sufficient to bring away the Whole, I Shall Send Another in time to wait for Lieut. Campbell & the Remainder; And I am Sure I need not Repeat my Request to You to do Every thing in Your power for forwarding this Most Essential Service.—

Lieut. Campbell is furnished with a Credit to procure Money for paying the Additional Bounty to the Recruits, and the Rewards promised to the Provincial Officers, Who Raise the Men; but I would Much rather that the Recruits were not paid theirs Untill their Arrival here, as it will Answer no good End to give it them

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before they Embark, but be a Means of Making them Desert: I have therefore Directed Lieut. Campbell not to pay them Unless he finds any Difficultys in getting them on board, without the Additional Bounty.–

I am, with great Regard,

Sir,

&ca.

Jeff: Amherst.

Honble Lt. Governor Fauquier.

Endorsed Copy / Letter from Sir Jeffery / Amherst to Lt Governor Fauquier / Dated New York, 4th May 1762 / Acquainting the Lieut. Governor, / that he now Sent Lieut. Campbell of / the Royal Americans, to Review the / Recruits to be Raised in the Colony of / Virginia, & to forward them to New York / &ca.– / in Sr J: Amherst's of May 12. 1762 / No. 9.

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Annapolis the 7th of April 1762.

Sir,

I am just favored with your Excellency's Letter of the 21st Ultimo, & also with another Dated the 25th in which you were pleased to Communicate to me the very Agreable Intelligence you had received of the Reduction of Martinico, with only a very small Loss of His Majesty's Troops, on which most happy & Important Event I most heartily Congratulate Your Excellency.— Having passed a Vote for Raising & Supporting during one Year Four Hundred Provincials, & for Raising the Number of Recruits Demanded of this Province towards Compleating the Regular Regiments, our Lower House of Assembly has been more than a fortnight, framing a Bill for Granting the Money thought necessary for those purposes, which however most of them by what I can Learn seem absolutely Averse to Raising at all, unless the Upper House will Accept a Bill which they have already Rejected Nine times; Nevertheless as the Bill has for these two Days been the Subject of Debate in the Lower House; I am not yet entirely without hopes that they will Drop their Scheme, and Agree to Raise the Supplys wanted by Continuing the Taxes which

were Imposed to Raise the Sum that was last granted here for the King's Service, the Act by which those Taxes were Laid being to Expire next Summer: If I find that Nothing more is to be done, I shall then press the Assembly to Ap:=propriate a Sum for furnishing the Eighty Four Recruits, which, if they please they may do, with:=out Raising any Money whatever, as there is more than Enough for that purpose already in the Treasury. When I am able to Inform your Excellency more certainly what may be Expected from this Province, I will again do Myself the Honor to Write to you, & in the mean time, I am, with great Regard,

Sir,

&ca.

Hor^o. Sharpe

His Excell^y. Sir Jeffery Amherst.

Endorsed Copy / Letter from Governor / Sharpe to Sir Jeffery Amherst. / Dated Annapolis 7th April 1762 / That he had passed a Vote for Raising / 400 Pro:=vincials for One Year; and the / Number of Recruits

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Philadelphia, April 21st 1762.

Sir,

I Was Honored with your Excellency's Letter of the 19th Instant, Acquainting me of the further progress of His Majesty's Arms in the West Indies; for which most agreable Communication, I heartily thank you; and beg Leave sincerely to Congratu=late you, on a Succession of Events, at once, so glorious and Important to His Majesty & the British Nation.—

As Our Assembly is to meet on the 3d of next Month, in Virtue of my Summons, It would give me the greatest pleasure, could I flatter Myself with being able to Render the Crown so Substantial a Service, as the Strength'n=ing your Hands by a good Levy of Men, would needs prove at this time.— Yet having already had the Honor to Explain to you the Nature of the Several points on which We Differ; and finding no Just Reason to Suppose that they have altered their Sentiments since the last Ses=sion, I Dare not make Myself the Instrument to Raise your Expectations with regard to an Event, which, 'tis more than probable, will not happen.—

I Have, Nevertheless, thought it Incumbent

on me to Apprize Your Excellency of the time of their Meeting, and to Acquaint you, that I shall be proud to Receive any Commands you may have to Lay upon me, for the good of the Service under your Direction; altho' my Endeavors for Rendring them Effectual, may not be attended with the Wish'd-for Success.—

I am, with the greatest Respect,

Sir,

&ca.

James Hamilton

His Excellency Sir Jeffery Amherst.

Endorsed Copy./ Letter from Governor / Hamilton to Sir Jeffery Amherst. / Dated Philadelphia, 21st. April 1762/ That as the Assembly of Pensylvania / was to meet on the 3d. May, he / Intended to Try them once more, / on the King's Requisitions, altho' / from their past Behavior, he had / little hopes of their doing any / thing Effectual, &ca. / in Sr. J. Amhersts of May 12: 1762 / No. 12.

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Copy.|.

New York, 7th April 1762.

Sir,

Altho' Your Assembly in their last Session, Refused to Comply with His Majesty's Requisition; for their Quota of Men for filling up the Regular Corps; I Must Earnestly Request You will be pleased to Call them together as Speedily as possible, and Once more Represent to them the Necessity of their Complying with this Measure, Which, from the Confirmation of a Spanish War, becomes More Necessary than before; And indeed I can have no Doubt of their Seeing it in its true Light; And that they will Accordingly Make provision, & give the proper Encouragements for Raising the Number of Men Required of them for this Service; for Should they Act Otherwise, I am persuaded they would heartily Repent hereafter; as a Refusal to a Requisition of so great Consequence at this Critical Juncture, could not fail to Incurr His Majesty's high displeasure; Which, however, I Flatter Myself they will Carefully Avoid, by paying a Strict and Chearfull Obedience to the Kings Commands.

I am, with great Regard, / Sir, / &ca.

Jeff: Amherst.

His Excellency Governor Hardy.

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Copy /.

Perth Amboy, 28th. April 1762.

Sir,

Our General Assembly met Yesterday about Noon, and I have the pleasure to Acquaint you that they Immediately came to a Resolution of Granting the Encouragement Demanded for the Raising their Quota for Recruiting the Regulars; they likewise Granted Pay for another Field Officer for the Provincial Regiment. I Send this by Lieut. Dunlap who waits on you to know if you have any Commands for him; as he will Return Im=mediately I shall hope by him to Receive what further Instructions you may think proper to give me, towards forwarding this Service, in which you may be Assured of all the Assistance in my power.–

We are Cloathing our Provincials as fast as possible; the Number you Demand to be first in Readiness, I have Ordered to be Draft=ed out, and they may be kept in greater Security, I think, if you Approve of it, to Order them all into the Barracks at Elizabeth Town.–

Your Favors of the 18th. & 19th. Instant, I received, and most heartily Congratulate you on the Success of His Majesty's Arms, & Sin=cerely Wish the Admiral could have got up

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to the French Ships.—

I am, with great Regard,

Sir,

&ca.

Josiah Hardy

His Excellency General Amherst.

Endorsed Copy./ Letter from Govr. Hardy / to Sir Jeffery Amherst.—/ Dated Perth Amboy, 28th. April 1762/ Acquainting the General that the / Assembly had come to a Resolution / of Granting the Encouragement/ Demanded for Raising their Quota / for Recruiting the Regulars, &ca. / in Sr. J. Amherst's of May 12: 1762/ No. 15.

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Copy 1.

New York, 28th April 1762.

Sir,

Lieut: Dunlap has this moment Delivered me the Favor of your Letter of this day Date, and it gives me the utmost pleasure to Learn that your Assembly have at last come to a Resolution for Granting Encouragement for Rais=ing the Quota of Men Demanded towards fill=ing up the Regular Corps; which I am per=suaded, they will Rejoyce at hereafter, as their Complience with the King's Commands, cannot fail of meeting with His Majesty's Approbation.–

I Have no Objection to your Ordering the Whole of the Detachment of Provincials Intended for Immediate Service, into the Barracks at Eliza=beth Town; but I must Request they may be ready to Embark whenever I send the Sloops for them, which, I hope, will be very soon; And I should be glad to know whether they all Rendezvous at Elizabeth Town, or if any of them are kept at Amboy, that I may Order the Sloops accordingly.–

I Send this by Lieut: Dunlap whom I shall Employ in Mustering the Recruits for the Regulars, so soon as I know that any Progress

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is made in the Recruiting, which I Likewise hope will be very soon, and I then shall Send him Instructions for that purpose.–

I am, with great Regard,

Sir,

&ca.

Jeff: Amherst.

His Excellency Govr. Hardy.

Endorsed Copy./ Letter from Sir Jeffery/ Amherst to Govr. Hardy.–/ Dated New York, 28th April 1762./ In Answer to the Govrs. of same date./ That it was with great pleasure/ he Learnt the Assembly of New Jersey/ had come to a Resolution to Grant/ Encouragement for Raising the/ Quota Demanded for the Regular/ Corps, & was persuaded they would/ Rejoyce hereafter, when they found/ that their Complyance with the/ King's Commands met with His/ Majesty's Approbation.–/ in Sr. J: Amherst's of May 12: 1762/ No. 16.

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Copy./.

Perth Amboy, 6th May 1762.

Sir,

I Have the Favor of your Letter of the 3d Instant: The Detachment Ordered for Immediate Service are all Marched to Elizabeth Town, where they will be ready to Receive your Commands; If they are to Embark on board a Transport, I believe it would be more agreable to the Officers & Men, if they could be together. The Remainder of the Regiment is quite ready for any Service you may think proper to Employ them on, and the sooner they are gone from hence, the better for fear of Desertions.—

I Will do Every thing in my power to forward the Raising the Recruits, for the Regulars, and will Endeavor to find a proper Provincial Officer, for this purpose, for the Western Division; I have Appointed Captain Dayton at Elizabeth Town; I believe he has some Men in his Company who will Enlist. I Forgot to mention that Our Assembly in their Bill for this Service, have granted the Money for the Bounty, being £1602, to you for His Majesty's Use; it will be therefore Necessary that the Treasurer of this Province should have your Orders for the payment of it.

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The Treasurer for the Eastern Division is Andrew Johnston, & for the Western, Samuel Smith Esqr.; however as I would willingly Save you any un=necessary Trouble, if you will Send your Direc=tions to me, I will take care that they shall be strictly Complyed with.

If you will be so good as to take occasion to make a favorable Report of the Proceedings of this Province to His Majesty's Ministers, it will give them great Satisfaction, & may have a very good Effect on their future Conduct.

I am, with great Regard,

Sir, / &ca

Josiah Hardy

His Excellency Sir Jeffery Amherst.

Endorsed Copy /. Letter from Governor / Hardy to Sir Jeffery Amherst. / Dated Perth Amboy 6th May 1762 / Acquainting the General of the / Detachment of Jersey Troops / Intended for Immediate Service / being As=sembled at Elizabeth Town; / That the Remainder of the Regt. / were likewise Ready; And Assur=/ing him that he would do Every / thing in his power to forward the / Raising of the Recruits for the / Regular Service, &ca. / in Sr. J: Amherst's of May 12: 1762. / No. 17.

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New York, 8th May 1762-

Sir,

I am to thank You for Your Letter of the 6th Instant, Acquainting Me of the Detach=ment of Jersey Troops Ordered for Immediate Ser=vice having Marched to Elizabeth Town; And that the Remainder of the Regt is quite ready for any Service I may Employ them on.

As far as the Service will permit, I Shall be willing to keep the Jersey Detachment together; but as there are a Certain Number of Men Allotted to Each Transport According to their Burthen, it May happen that they cannot be all on board One Vessell.—

If there are Sloops at Amboy, as I doubt not but there are, I should be glad You would give immediate orders for Embarking the Remainder of the Regiment, with Directions to proceed to Albany, as in former Years, Where on their Arrival they will be Mustered and Sent to their Destination having already Sent Orders thither for that purpose. In Case there Should not be Sloops Suffiaent at Amboy, upon Notice Sent to me, I Shall order Some from this place immediately, as I Joyn with You in thinking,

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that the Sooner the Men are Sent up the Coun=try the better.—

With regard to the Money granted by the Assembly for Raising the Recruits to fill up the Regular Corps, I have only to Desire You will be pleased to Apply such part thereof as May be wanted to Pay the Bountys to the Men that May be Enlisted, agreable to the proportions paid to the Provincials; And Whatever part shall not be Applied for these purposes, will, of Course, Remain in the Treasury, altho' I shall be glad to find that the Whole Number Voted are Raised; as the Money cannot be Used on a better Occasion—

I am, with great Regard,

Sir, &ca.

Jeff: Amherst.

His Excellency Governor Hardy.

Endorsed Copy./ Letter from Sir Jeffery / Amherst to Governor Hardy/ Dated New York, 8th May 1762./ In Answer to the Govr's of the 6th / That he was glad to find the / Detachment of Jersey Troops./ Intended for Immediate Service, / were come to Elizabeth Town; and / Desires the Governor will Order the / Remainder to proceed in Sloops / to Albany, as in former Years, &ca. / in Sr. J: Amherst's of May 12: 1762/ No. 18.

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Copy./

New York 5th May 1762

Sir,

As I Requested You by My Letter of the 2d April, to give immediate orders for Forming a Detachment of Your Province Troops, to Consist of 553 Men, & Officers in proportion, for an Intended Expedition; And as two Companies of the New York Independents are already Arrived; And that I Expect the Other two hourly, I must beg You will be pleased to Repeat Your orders for hastening the Formation of the above Corps, & Causing them to Rendezvous at this Place, that they may be immediately Embarked, Since I only wait for the Arrival of the Quota demanded from Rhode Island, or part of the Connecticutt Troops, to Send off the First Division, the Jersey Men, being as I am Informed, ready for Embarkation. Colonel Thodey has been with me, and promises to Exert his Utmost for Compleating the Detachment.—

I Should likewise be glad Some progress was made in the Recruiting for the Regular Service, before the New York Independents leave the Place, as they are in want of Men to Compleat them, and I Imagine that would be

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a Service not disagreable to the Yorkers. -

I am, with great Regard,

Sir,

&ca.

Jeff: Amherst.

Honble. Lt. Governor Colden.

Endorsed Copy./ Letter from Sir Jeffery / Amherst to Lt. Governor Colden / Dated New York, 5th May 1762 / Requesting him to Repeat his / Orders for hasten=ing the Formation / of the Detachment of Yorkers Intended for the Expedition, that they / might be Immediately Embarked. / in Sr. J. Amherst's of May 12: 1762 / No. 19.

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Extract./.

New York May 5th. 1762

"I Know not What Method can be taken for Recruiting the Regulars; You may perceive from the Resolutions of the Assembly in Answer to my Message, of both Which I Enclose Copies. that Nothing More can be Expected from the Assembly. However if Your Excellency please to Suggest any thing practicable for this or any other part of His Majesty's Service I shall gladly do Every thing in my power to promote it. I know not how the Assembly compute that near Twelve Hundred Men are Enlisted, When Colo. Rhodey's Return of last Monday only 913 were returned to him. I Shall omit no Method in My power to Enlist as Many as possible, tho' I am afraid after all the Number will be Deficient."—

Cadwallader Colden.

His Excellency Sir Jeffery Amherst.

Endorsed Extract./. Letter from Lt. Governor / Colden to Sir Jeffery Amherst, / Dated, New York, 5th. May 1762.— / Enclosing Copy of his Message /

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Copy./.

Gentlemen,

The Declaration of a War with Spain so immediately Succeeding His Majestys late Requisition, of these Colonies, Shews in a pointed Light, with what propriety the King might have Expected an Exertion on their part, Equal to their Efforts in any preceding Year; tho' he graciously Condescended, in ease to His Faithfull Subjects, to Moderate the De=mand of Provincial Levies, to two Thirds of the Number formerly Raised.-

That His Majesty's Designs against the Enemy May not be Retarded, or disappointed, I am Commanded to Complete the Forces You have provided for, as Early as possible. Every thing in my power, conducive to that End, I have done; and it is with real Concern I find my Endeavors less Effectual than those of the Neigh=bouring Governments, Who have, I am Informed, Com=pleted their Numbers, While the Quota of this Province, generally first in the Field, Appears by the Returns to be greatly deficient.- So Unusual a backwardness is, I Apprehend Solely to be Imputed to the Reduction of the Bounty from Fifteen to the Sum of Ten Pounds.-

Your Meeting therefore, became indispensibly

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Necessary to Remove the Difficultys this Essential Ser=vice labors Under. - There are Many dispersed through=out the Province, Who after Receiving the Publick Bounty, deserted in the former Campaigns. It is but just in the present Emergency, to Oblige these to Enlist; And I Conceive it would be of great Utility to Impress all Others, Who, having no Visible Employment, or Means of Subsistence, are at present a burthen, & even dangerous to the Community. -

I Recommend this only as an Expedient that may make the Duty fall less heavy on more Usefull Members. And When You Reflect that the further Operations of His Majesty's Arms are absolutely Necessary to Secure the Advantages of a War, hitherto Extensively Successfull, I can have no Doubt of Your Exerting the utmost Ef=forts, to Effectuate a Measure, with Which the Honor of His Majesty, and the Reputation, and Safety of the Colony are so nearly Connected. -

Cadwallader Colden.

Fort George New York }
4th May 1762 - }

Endorsed Copy. / Lt Governor Coldens / Message, / To the Assembly of New York, 4th May 1762 / Enclosed in the Lieut. Governor's to / Sir Jeffery Amherst of 5th May 1762. / in Sr J. Amherst's of May 12: 1762 / No. 21.

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Copy./

Assembly Chamber City of New York, Die Mercurii 3h. P.M. 5th May 1762 –

The House (According to Order) Resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House, upon His Honour the Lieut. Governor's Message of Yesterday. After Some time Spent therein, Mr. Speaker Re=sumed the Chair, and Alderman Livingston Re=ported the Resolutions of the Committee thereon, Which he read in his place, and afterwards Delivered in at the Table, & are as follows, Vizt.

Resolved that it is the Opinion of this Committee, that no backwardness of the Levying Troops within this Colony, can justly be Imputed to the Reduction of the Bounty from Fifteen to Ten Pounds: As the present Bounty given by this Colony to Encourage the Enlistment of Men for the Campaign of this Year, Exceeds that of any other Colony on this Continent: Nor does it appear to the Committee that there is any Unusual Backwardness; there being, as this Committee has Reason to think by this time near Twelve Hundred Men Enlisted, Including Officers, and Others daily Enlisting, And near a Month Yet to Come, before the time for Enlisting Expires. –

Resolved that it the opinion of this

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Committee, as there is already Provision made by Law, to Oblige all the Deserters of last Campaign to Serve in the present; that to Make a Law to Oblige those to Serve Who have Deserted the former Cam-paigns, cannot from the Smallness of their Numbers, be a proper Object of an Act of the Legislature.—

Resolved that it is the Opinion of this Committee, that to Make a Law to Impress such as have no Visible Means of Subsistence, would rather tend to prejudice the Service, as it would prevent Stragling People from Coming into this Colony, Who When they do Come, do Many of them Enlist Voluntarily.—

And the said Resolutions being read a Second time,

Resolved Nemini Contradicente, that the House do agree with the Committee in the afore-said Resolutions.

Ordered that Captain Doun, & Mr. Peter R. Livingston, wait on His Honour the Lieut. Govern-or with the aforesaid Resolutions.—

By order of the General Assembly

Abrm. Lott Junr. Clerk.

Endorsed Copy / Resolves of the / Assembly of New York / 5th. May 1762 / Enclosed in Lt. Govr. Colden's to / Sir Jeffery Amherst of 5th. May 1762. / in Sr. J: Amherst's of May 12: 1762 / No. 22.

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Extract./.

New York, 6th May 1762—

"I am to Acknowledge Your Letter of Yester=day Enclosing the Copy of Your Message to the Assembly with their Answer thereto.—

I Can Devise no better Means of Recruiting for the Regular Corps, than What I have already Mentioned, by Employing Provincial Officers, Who Must be best Acquainted with the Country; I should Imagine the Yorkers would readily Enter into the Independent Companys; And therefore I could wish to Compleat them While they are here.—

Altho' I hope the Whole of the Provincials will be Raised, Yet the Detachment Intended for Immediate Service, is certainly first to be thought of; and they Cannot be too Soon formed, as I wish to Make the Embarkation without Delay."—

Jeff: Amherst.

Honble. Lt. Governor Colden.

Endorsed Extract./. Letter from Sir Jeffery / Amherst to Lt. Governor Colden; / Dated New York, 6th May 1762 / Acknowledging the Receipt of / the Lt. Govrs. of the 5th. & Begs / the Detachment Intended for / Immediate Ser=vice may be / formed, without Delay, &ca. / in Sr. J. Amherst's of May 12: 1762 / No. 23.

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Copy. 1.

New York, 11th April 1762.

Sir,

As I Doubt not but the Levies for the Pro=vincial Service are by this time compleat, I must Desire you will be pleased to Order the Remainder (after Sending the Quota Demanded for Immediate Service as by my Letter of the 2d Instant) to pro=ceed to Albany; those who March by Land, shall be Supplied with Provisions at Springfield & at Kinderhook: Any that may be near the Sea, you will Order round in Sloops, as usual; and on the Arrival of the Whole at Albany, they shall be Mustered, & paid their Four pences, as in former Years, from the time of their Several En=listments to that of their Receiving the King's provisions.

So soon as I know that any progress is made in the Recruiting for the Regular Corps, I shall send an Officer to approve of the Recruits, and pay the Bounty Money, &ca. –

I am, with great Regard,

Sir,

&ca.

Jeff: Amherst.

Honble Governor Fitch.

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Copy. 1.

New York, 16th April 1762 –

Sir,

I am glad to Learn by Your Letter of the 8th Instant, that the two Thousand Men Voted last Session, are compleatly Raised; And I hope the Assembly will have Made a further Pro=vision for the Whole Number Demanded by the King, as well as given proper Encouragements for Raising the Recruits for the Regular Service –

I am now to Acquaint You that I In=tend the Same Number of Provincials Should be Employed at Halifax, that were there last Year; So that the Quota to be sent from Boston now, is 732 Including Officers: I Leave it to You to fix on Such Companies as You think proper, putting the Whole Under the Command of a Colonel, as those, with What are already at Hali=fax, are Equal to a Regiment; And You will be pleased to Order them to Assemble immediately at the Castle Barracks, from Whence they will Embark to proceed to Halifax.

I Wrote to Mr. Hancock that the Necessary Quantity of Tonnage may be ready, for Conveying them to Halifax, and to Lieut. Elliot of the Royal, Who is now at Boston, to Muster them,

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and pay the four pences, from the time of their Enlistment to that of their Embarkation, When they will be Supplyed with the King's provisions: And as there can be no Occasion for a Convoy at present, there need not be the least Delay in their proceeding to Halifax, so soon as they are ready.—

You will please to give Immediate Orders for the March of the Rest of the Massachusetts Troops, in the Same Manner, as in former Years to Albany: They will be furnished with Provisions at Springfield, Worcester, and at Kenderhook: And on their Arrival at Albany, Shall be Mustered, and paid their Four pences from the time of their Several Enlistments to that of their receiving the King's Provisions. As the Levies are in greater forwardness than Usual, I need not Mention how Necessary it is, they Should not be permitted to Loiter on the Route; And that You will be pleased to give Such Directions to the Officers as May Oblige them to Make all the Expedition they can, to get to the Place of Rendezvous.—

I am, with great Regard,

Sir,/ &ca.

Jeff: Amherst.

His Excellency Governor Bernard.

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Copy /.

Boston Ap: 17th 1762 –

Sir,

I Have thought proper to Send an Express to Advise You that the Assembly has Complied with Every thing that I had to Ask of them. They have Voted to Compleat their Forces to 3220 Men: this is precisely their proportion in re=gard to the Numbers Voted by Connecticutt, and exceeds that of any other Province; And as this Province has a right to Reckon into their Num=ber the 150 Men on board His Majesty's Ship the King George, they exceed by that Number Connecticutt. The Additional Number of 220 Men, are all privates, Which May be equally divided among all the Regiments, or Unequally as there Shall be occasion. There is a Regiment now forming at the Castle, Which will be ready to March by the Middle of next Week, Out of Which it is proposed to draw, What Men Shall be wanted for Halifax. The other Regiment is ready to Rendezvous at the Westward, Whenever they Shall be ordered. As we depend upon Re=En=listing the 600 Men, now in the Servise, I have but 620 More Men to Raise; And I believe they are all ready. –

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As for the Requisition for Recruiting the Regulars, the Assembly has Exactly Complyed with Your Terms: they have granted a bounty of £7 (5 Guineas) for Raising 893 Men; And now it will rest on the Execution, Which will not be without its difficulties; I will immediately Con=sider of a Set of Proper Officers for this Business; I Suppose I may Make Use of Provincial Officers in the present Service, for without that Liberty, I Shant be able to provide for this Service Ef=fectually; I Suppose it will be agreable to You to take Such as Shall be willing to Inlist into the Regular Service, out of the Provincial Ranks, having Assurances of Supplying Such Vacancies by fresh Recruits; I Apprehend this Method will considerably Assist the Regular Recruiting. I am also Desirous of not paying the Bounty, Untill they are Approved by the Regular Officer: And there=fore it May be proper to Make the Castle the general Rendezvous, Where they are to receive the Bounty I Own I am Apprehensive that this will lay the Recruiting in the Country Under Some difficultys as they May expect to touch the Money before they March from home: but this May be Obviated by Allowing the Recruiting Officers to ad=vance a Small part of the Bounty, And the

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inconvenience that remains will be fully recompensed by the saving the loss of Whole bounties. I should also for the same purpose of preventing Desertion think, that it would be better that the Recruits Should be taken from the Castle in Transports than Marched cross the Country.—

I Write in great hurry, & with continued Interruption: the Vote is not Yet come up to Me, being detained on Accot. of Some literal Amendments. But as the Substance has passed both Houses, it May be Depended upon.—

I am, with great Regard,

Sir,

&ca.

Fra: Bernard.

His Excellency Sir Jeffery Amherst.

Endorsed Copy./ Letter from Governor/ Bernard to Sir Jeffery Amherst,/ Dated, Boston, 17th. April 1762./ Acquainting the General of the/ Assembly having made provision for Compleating the/ Massachusetts Forces to 3220/ Men; and Likewise Granted a/ Bounty for Raising 893 Recruits/ for the Regular Corps, &ca./ in Sr. J: Amherst's of May 12: 1762/ No. 30.

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Copy.

New York, 21st April 1762

Sir,

Your Express Arrived here this day, and delivered Me the favor of Your Letter of the 17th Instant, Which gives me a particular pleasure, as Your Assembly have Voted to Compleat their Forces to 3220 Men (Altho' the Number Demanded by the King was 3334) And that they have Exactly Complied with the Terms for Raising the Quota required for filling up the Regular Corps.—

I Beg Leave to Return You My thanks for the Early Notice You have been pleased to Send Me of the Proceedings of the Assembly; And from What You tell Me of the great forwardness of the Levies, I Flatter Myself the Number Voted will soon be Complete: The 220 Men May Join Either of the Regiments, or be Divided Among the Several Companies as You Judge best.—

You will have Seen, by My last, that the Orders You had given for One of the Regiments Rendezvousing at the Castle Corresponded Exactly with What I Intended; And I Doubt not but the Number Ordered to Halifax, will be Soon Embarked and forwarded to their Destination.— I Have Nothing to add to My last, in regard to the March of the Rest of the Troops but to Repeat my Request that

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no time May be lost in pushing them forward to Albany.–

I Have no Objection to Your Enlisting for the Regular Service any of those that had En:=tered as Provincials, provided they are replaced by Others; And You will please to keep Such Officers as You Judge best. for Raising the Regular Re:=cruits, taking them from different Companies, as they can Joyn their Corps hereafter: Your Inten:=tion of paying only part of the Bounty Money is certainly right; and as I would, by no Means, think of Marching them across the Country, I Send Directions to Lieut. Elliot to Review them at the Castle, and immediately thereafter Embark them on board Sloops (Which Mr. Hancock will provide & Victual) Under the Care of One or More Officers of the Provincials, And to proceed to this place, Where they Shall be paid their further Bounty, agreable to my first promise, and the Officers Sent to Joyn their respective Corps.

I am, with great Regard,

Sir,

&cal.

Jeff: Amherst.

His Excellency Governor Bernard.

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Extract. /.

Boston, Ap: 29th 1762

"I Yesterday Reviewed at the Castle 1000 good Men, and gave particular Orders that the Surgeons Should Examine them Carefully as to bodily Infirmities. I gave orders that 738 Pri=vate Men, besides Commissioned Officers should be ready to Embark on Saturday next, When I Expect to have Transports ready for 500 of them. This Number (738) will, According to my Calculation, Compleat the Regiment at Halifax to 1000 Men besides Commissioned Officers, Which was the Number of the Regiment last Year at Hali=fax. The rest of the Men at the Castle I shall join to the Second Regiment, Which will be put in Motion next Week; as the third Regi=ment, Whose Enlistments are now Compleat Shall be the Week after.—

I Must Suspend writing on the Subject of the Regular Enlistment 'till I have Made a further progress in the Establishment for that purpose; only Assuring that Nothing shall be left Undone. I heartily Congratulate You on Genl. Moncklon's Success".—

Fra: Bernard.

His Excellency Sir Jeffery Amherst.

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Extract./.

Portsmouth, March, 31st. 1762

"Before Your Letter of 21st. of March Came to my hand, I had Advised You that the As:=sembly had Made the Grants of Men, agreable to Your Requisition Which I now Confirm, and that I Shall Make the* Levies the Main Object of My Attention, but the Severity of the Season, Uncommon at this time of the Year, is very Much against Me, the Snow being now Four feet deep, & in Many places deeper, in so Much that it is Extremely difficult for the Enlisting Officers to pass from town to town on that Service.—

The Four pences will be a further In:=ducement Added to the Levy Money granted by the Government, & the Five Pounds York Money, I think, cannot fail of procuring the Men; but as the Men Must be had, if any failure arises, the Men Must finally be drafted from the Re:=spective Regiments"

B Wentworth

His Excellency Sir Jeffery Amherst.

Endorsed Extract./. Letter from Gov.r / Wentworth to Sir Jeffery Amherst; / Dated Portsmouth, 31st. March

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Copy 1.

Orford at Sea, 15th March 1762.

Sir,

About the 20th past, Six Sail of French Ships of War Sailed from Brest with two Regts on Board consisting of two Thousand Men Commanded by the Vicomt de Bellisence & St Croix, said to be two Officers of good Reputation; The Destination of this Fleet & Corps I never could Learn while I was in England.—

The 13th Febry. sail'd from Bordeux three Transports (part of five) the others not being able to weigh their Anchors, having the Regiment of Angunois, Commanded by the Compte de Fremeur; Which said Ships we Espied near Madeira the 3d Instant, in our Route to the West Indies, And took one of them, She was bound to Louisiana, & has an Intendent on Board, with Many Officers, & 160 private; Shes has likewise Many Chests of Arms, Quantitys of Gun powder, And other Military Stores of all Sorts.—

This You May Depend upon, that the Destination of the French Fleet was not Publickly known, And that these last Ships were Intended for Louisiana; Which I think my Duty to Inform You, And if it prove Usefull I shall have very

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great pleasure, because I have the Honour to be, with the greatest Deference,

Sir,

&ca.

Mt. Arbuthnot.

His Excellency Majr. General Amherst.

Endorsed Copy./ Letter from Captain / Arbuthnot: Commander of / His Majesty's Ship Orford,/ to General Amherst, / Dated at Sea, 15th. March 1762/ Acquainting the General of his/ having taken off Madeira, a / French Transport Bound for / Louisiana, with an Intendant on/ Board, some Troops, Arms, / Ammunition, &ca; & Containing / some other Intelligence of a/ French Fleet. / in Sr. J. Amherst's of May 12: 1762 / No. 37.

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Montreal March 20th 1762

Sir,

I have already acknowledged the Receipt of a Copy of the Earl of Egremont's Letter to you of the 12th Decr. & I take this Opportunity to return you my answers thereto; assuring you, that I have lost no Time in collecting the best Informations of every thing contained in that Letter, that I could possibly procure.

I feel the highest Satisfaction, that I am able to inform you, That during my Com:mand in this Government, I have made it my constant Care and Attention, that the Cana:dians should be treated, agreeable to His Majesty's kind & humane Intentions, No Invasion on their Propertys, or Insult on their Persons, have gone unpunished, All Reproaches on their Subjection by the Fate of Arms, Revilings on their Customs or Country, and all Reflections on their Religion have been discountenanced and forbid. No Distinction has been made betwixt the Briton & Canadian, but equaly regarded as Subjects of the same Prince. The Soldiers live peaceably with the Inhabitants, & they reciprocaly acquire, an Affection for each other. I have notwithstanding, made known His Majesty's Pleasure on these Particulars, to the several Commanders

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of Corps, that every Individual may be acquainted therewith; which will, no Doubt, Add the greatest Weight to the Orders & Directions which have been already given. And you may be assured that Troops, who have ever Shewn the most Ardent Desires, to advance the Interest of their Sovereign, & paid the most exact Obedience to his Commands; will vye with each other, in Brotherly Love & Affection to the Canadians, over whom, His Majesty has extended his Royal Favor, & Protection. The Indians have been treated on the same Principles of Humanity, They have had immediate Justice for all their Wrongs; and no Tricks or Artifices have hitherto been attempted, to defraud Them in their Trade.

I send herewith a Return, (No. 1.) of the present State of the Troops & Artillery, in this Government. As to the Fortifications, except Fort Wm. Augustus, which may at present be in a good State of Defence. The rest having been only calculated to repel sudden Invasions of Indians, are of Course, of small Consideration. The City of Montreal is surrounded by a high Wall, ramparted & flanked; The Parapet about Three Feet thick, a natural Defence from the River St. Laurence on one Side, on the other, a Ditch, mostly faced. Upon a

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Height within the City, is a small square Work of Wood, compleated since the Capitulation provided with a few Pieces of Artillery, & capable of containing Seventy or Eighty Men. The Fort of Chambli, is an Antient Stone Castle, flanked with Towers, in Which are Port Holes, for small Pieces of Ordnance, no Ditch or Outwork.

You will also receive herewith, a General Return, (No. 2.) of the State of this Government, for the year 1761. comprehending the Number of its Inhabitants, Cattle &ca. The State of Population, Quantity of Acres cultivated and Quantity of Grain sown, for the Particulars of all which, I refer you to the Return. The Soil produces all Sorts of Summer Grain, in some Parts of the Government, The Wheat is Sown in Autumn. Every kind of Pulse & other Vegetables; to which I may add, some Fruits. Vizt. Apples Pears Plumbs Melons &ca. Cyder is made here, but as yet, in small Quantitys. In general, every Fruit Tree, hardy enough to withstand the Severity of the Winter, will produce in the Summer; which affords sufficient Heat, to bring most kinds of Fruit to Maturity.

[The Profits which the French King drew from the Government of Montreal, unconnected with the other two Governments, of Trois Rivieres &

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Quebec, proceeded, From the sale of certain Trading Posts in the Indian Country; From the Money paid for Permits, to trade at others, which were called Free Posts, From the Kings own Trade, at those called the Kings Posts. And from the Droit de Quint, & Droit d'Exchange. In Return (No. 3) you will find these several Posts particularly as=certained, with the Annual Profits which might have accrued from the two first. It is impossible to as=certain, what were the Profits & Losses upon the French Kings own Trade; No Doubt, that Trade well managed, would have produced considerable Gains; but from the Number of Commissarys & Factors em=ployed, who have made very large Fortunes for themselves; and the immense Profusion of Presents, made to the Indians; I must conclude, His Majesty, gained very little from his Commerce.

The Lands have all been granted on Feudal Tenures, From thence, The King's Droit de Quint, & Droit d'Exchange, The first is a Fifth, of all Monies that shall be received, on the sale of Seig=neuries, or Lordships. The latter a Fifth of the Value of all Lordship's exchanged; & a Twelfth of the Value, of all Copyhold Estates, that shall be exchanged. The Right of Exchange however, did not belong to the French King, either in

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the City or Island of Montreal; It having been granted to the Priests of the Seminary of St. Sulpice, who are Temporal Lords of that Island. And enjoy the Privilege of the Exchange, as well in the City, as the rest of the Island. The French King generaly remitted a Third of his Dues, on these Sales & Exchanges, whose Revenues from hence, might amount, communibus Annis, to about Three Thousand Livres. I have Supported His Majesty's Right, to these Fines of Alienation, remitting the Third according to old Custom. This year by an Accident, They have amounted to Nine Thousand Livres.

Immediately after we became Masters of this Country, All Monopolys were abolished, and all Incumbrances upon Trade were removed. The Traders chose their Posts, without the Obligation of purchasing Them. And I can by no means think, The French Management, for giving Exclusive Grants of trade, at particular Posts, for the sake of the Sale thereof; or the sale of Permits, to trade at the free Posts, worthy our Imitation. The Indians of Course paid dearer for their Goods, & the Trade in general, must have been injured by Monopolys. The Traders were alone at the Posts They had purchased, where no Person in Authority,

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had the Inspection of their Conduct; & committed many Abuses, for which the Indians could get no Redress. And it has happened, that the Indians have Murdered the Traders & plundered their Ef=fects, by which the French have been drawn into Wars at a very great Distance, and at a great Expense. The French[*] also found a very great Inconvenience in this kind of Traffick, from the Loss of Men to the Colony. Nothing was more com=mon, than for the Servants, whom the Merchants hired to work their Boats, & assist in their Trade, thro' a long Habit of Indian Manners & Customs, at length to adopt their Way of Life, to inter=marry with Them, & turn Savages. Several Edicts have been published to prevent this; but notwith=standing, there are now some Hundreds amongst the distant Indians, who I do not suppose, will ever return to their Country. Tho' the Trading Posts were by this Means Multiplied, & from thence appears to have increased the Trade, in reality, unless in a few Instances, these Monopo=lizers brought no Addition of Commerce into Canada, as They for the most part traded with Indians, who would otherwise have carried their Furrs to the great Marts of Michillimakinac and Detroit; so that in Effect, They were only Forestallers of

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the Market. Besides the Inconveniences which I have mentioned, to have attended the Sale of Posts & Permits; I conceive this Matter to be so liable to abuse, thro' Receivers, Jobbs, & Perquisites, That it would bring but little into His Majesty's Coffers. And that the Surest & easiest Way to encrease His Majesty's Revenue from the Pelletry, will be the laying Such Dutys only on it's Importation, as shall be thought Adviseable.

To remedy the Inconveniences & abuses, which both the English & French have suffered, thro' the Management of the Indian Trade; I know no better Method, than to assign a certain Number of Posts in the distant Country, to which only, the Traders should be allowed to traffick, & to Abolish all the little Posts. And I am of Opinion the Five Posts hereafter mentioned, will enable His Majesty's Subjects to trade with almost every Nation of Indians, that has yet been discovered, & that have been accustomed to trade, with the French Vizt. <u>Kanamistigoua</u> on Lake Huron, <u>Michillimakinac</u>, <u>Baye des Puants</u> in Lake Michigan, <u>The Detroit</u> and <u>Houilliatanon</u> on the Ouabache. A small Detachment of Troops with proper Officers, should be in each of these Posts. And the Officers authorized, either solely by Themselves, or assissted by

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such other Persons as may be found in the Posts, to excercise a Judicial Power. The Vast Distance some of the above Posts are from the Inhabited Country, would alone, make this Circumstance highly Neces=sary, and the Advantages that would arise from it, are very apparent. The Insolence of the In=dians will be checked, by the Presence of the Troops. The Tricks & Artifices of the Traders to defraud the Indians, will meet with instant Punishment, which cannot fail to make the Indians conceive, the high=est Opinion of our Integrity, & His Majesty's good Inclination towards Them. And by these Means, all Disputes and Quarrells with the Savages will be prevented. I can devise no better Plan for carrying on the Trade in the distant Country, than the Above; or by which, any Regulations concerning the Trade that shall be made, can ever be Observed, and Supported.

Paper (No. 4) contains the particular Dutys upon the Merchandize imported into Canada, and upon the Exports of the Pelletry. Also a computation of all The Revenues The French King enjoyed, Communibus Annis, from the Whole Province of Canada, comprehending at an Average, Exports & Imports, Sale of Posts, & all Emoluments Whatever, Which were received in Canada on The Kings Account.

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I referr you likewise to the same Paper for the Annual Expence of Canada to the French, in Time of Peace. You will observe amongst the Exports, That the Beaver, which was the exclusive Trade of the India Company, paid no Duty. Nor am I able to send you any good Acc[ts], whether The French King any Profits from the Beaver, or other Pelletry, on it's Arrival in the Ports of France; or what Advantages The Crown of France reaped from the Exclusive Trade of Beaver, granted to The India Company. There are no Persons here, who can give me any clear Information in those Particulars.

The only immediate Importance & Advantage the French King derived from Canada, was The preventing the Extension of the British Colonys, The Consumption of the Commodities & Manufactures of France, And The Trade of Pelletry. She had no Doubt, Views to future Advantages, That this Country might in Time Supply Her, with Hemp, Cordage, Iron, Masts, & generaly all kinds of Naval Stores.]

The People in general seem well enough dis-posed towards their new Masters. The only Causes of Dislike which I can discover, proceed from the Fear of losing their Paper Money, and the Differ-ence of Religion. I understand Canada to be on

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the same Footing in Respect of this Money, as all the French Colonys; and if France pays any of Them, I don't see how she can avoid paying the Bills of Exchange drawn from Canada, in the same Proportion as she pays the rest. It is not the Canadians only who would be Sufferers by an Exception, as Canadian Bills, to a very large amount are in the Possession of French Merchants. And the rest may be sent to France, & no body be able to distinguish which is French, or which Canadian Property. The People having enjoyed a free & undisturbed Exercise of their Religion, ever Since The Capitulation of the Country, Their Fears in that particular are much Abated, but there still remains a Jealousy. It is to be hoped, that in Time this Jealousy will wear off: and certainly in this, much will depend upon the Clergy. Per=haps Methods may be found hereafter, to Supply the Cures of this Country, with Priests Well af=fected, But whilst Canada is stocked as she now is, with Corps of Priests detached from Seminarys in France, on whom They depend, & to whom They pay Obedience, It is natural to conceive That neither the Priests, or those they can influence, will ever bear that Love & Affection to a British Govern=ment, which His Majestys Auspicious Reign would

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otherwise engage from the Canadians, as well as from his other Subjects.

No Persons have left this Government to go to France, except Those, who held Military and Civil Employments under the French King, Nor do I apprehend any Emigrations at the Peace, being perswaded, That the present Inhabitants will remain, under the British Dominion. I perceive none preparing to leave the Government, or that Seem inclined to do it; unless It is a few Ladys whose Husbands are already in France, And They propose to leave the Country when Peace is made, if their Husbands should not rather choose, to return to Canada.

As I can not discover that the Limits betwixt Canada & Louisiana were distinctly describ=ed, so as to be Publickly known; I can only inform you what were generaly believed here, to have been the Boundaries of Canada, & give you my own opinion, which is drawn from the Trade that has been constantly carred on, by the Canadians, under the Authority, and Permission, of their several Governors. From hence I judge, not only the Lakes, Which are Indisputable, but the whole Course of the Mississipi, from it's Heads to it's Junction with the Ilinois, to have been comprehended by the

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French, in the Government of Canada. The People of Louisiana carry their Trade up the Missouri River, & I can't find, that the Traders from that Pro=vince, ever went higher up the Mississipi, than the Mouth of The Ilinois River. on the contrary, the Traders from Canada, did constantly trade above the Ilinois, from their Posts on Lake Michigan, even up to The River St. Croix, and the Falls of St Anthony. And it was the Trade alone of the Mississipi Indians, which made the Post of the Baye des Puants, so very advantageous. The Ilinois River, tho formerly in the District of Canada, was, after some Disputes betwixt the Governors, annexed to Louisiana. A South Easter=ly Line, drawn from the Portage, betwixt the Ilinois River, and the Waters which run into Lake Michigan, will bring you to the Post of Houilliatanon upon the Ouabaches fourscore Leagues down that River; Computing from that Part, where the Boats are Launched, after crossing the Portage of the Miamis. This was the last Trading Post belonging to Canada on that Side, & was certainly The Boundary of Canada on that Side. About sixty Leagues below this Post, is The Post of Vincennes, which was served by the Traders of Louisiana, and of Course was The Boundary of that Province. This

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is the best Information I can procure you concern:
=ing the Limits, and what I have described to you, are thought to be the real Boundaries be:
=twixt the two Provinces.

As I have answered the several Particulars of Lord Egremonts' Letter, after having made the best Enquiry; I shall think myself happy if the Acct. I send you, shall in in any shape contribute to your transmitting to His Majesty the exact State of his Province of Canada.

I am with great Regard & Esteem

Sir,

Your most Obedient,

& most humble Servant,

Thos. Gage

His Excellency Sr. Jeffery Amherst

Endorsed Major General Gage. / 20th March 1762 / In Sr. J. Amherst's of May 12 / 1762 - / No. 38.

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A State of His Majesties Forces under the Comm.d of

	Regiment	Battalion	Companies		Officers Commissiond: Colonels	Lt. Colonels	Majors	Captains	Lieutenants	Ensigns
In Cantoonments	44		8	Lt. Genl. James Abercromby	"	"	1	3	14	4
	46		7	Lt. Genl. James Murray	"	"	1	5	7	4
In Garr.n at Montreal	60	4th		Col.n James Prevost	,	1	1	5	15	6
At Fort Wm Augustus	80			Majr. Genl. Honble. Thos. Gage	"	"	1	3	6	5
					"	1	4	16	42	19

Absent Officers

44	Lt. Genl. Jas. Abercromby, Lt. Colonel, Captns. 3, Lieuts. 2, Ens. 2. 1 Serjt. Recommended to Chelsea –
46	Col.n Lt. Genl. Jas. Murray, Lt. Col.n, Ens. 1, Chaplain,
60	Colonel James Prevost, Captns. 3, Lieuts. 5. – NB Three
80	Col.n Majr. Genl. Honble. Thos. Gage, Captns. 2, Lieuts. 4,

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Major Genl. Honble. Thos. Gage Montreal 1st March 1762

Present							Effective Rank & File						wanting to compleat to the Establishmt.		
Staff					Non Commissd.										
Chaplains	Adjutants	Qr. Masters	Surgeons	Mates	Serjeants	Drummers	Fit for duty	Sick Present	Sick In Hospital	Recommended	On Command	Total	Serjeants	Drummers	Rank & File
1	1	1	1	"	23	15	538	16	3	5	"	562	"	1	22
"	1	1	1	"	19	12	406	7	2	5	"	420	"	2	21
1	1	1	1	1	30	20	482	37	10	8	"	537	"	"	193
"	"	"	1	"	17	5	287	13	5	3	63	371	"	"	149
2	3	3	4	1	89	52	1713	73	20	21	63	1890	"	3	385

N B One Ens. Vacant -

2 Serjeants

Ensigncies Vacant -

Surgeons Mate, Serjeants 3,

General Staff Officers

Majr. Genl. Honble. Thomas Gage
D: Q: M: Genl. Majr. Gabl. Christie
Major of Brigade Honble. Willm. Hervey
Provost Martial Thomas Oval

A List of His Majesties Hospital
Apothecary Arthr. Nicholson -
2 Mates -

Thos. Gage
Majr. Genl.

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A State of the Detachm^t. of the Royal Artillery Montreal 1st. March 1762

	Captain	Serjeants	Corporals	Bombard^rs.	Gunners	Matrosses	Phifer	Total
At Montreal	1	2	1	3	9	7	1	24
A Fort W^m. Augustus	"	"	"	2	"	10	"	12
Total	1	2	1	5	9	17	1	36

Abstract of Brass and Iron Ordnance at Montreal

			Serviceable	Repairable	Unserviceable
Ordnance Brass without Carriages	French heavy	12 Pounders	0	0	1
		6 Ditto	0	0	2
	Eng^sh. light	12 Pounders	0	0	1
		6 Ditto	2	0	0
Ordnance Brass with Carriages	Eng^sh. light	3 Pounders	6	0	0
Ordnance Iron without Carriages		12 Pounders	7	0	0
		9 Ditto	8	0	3
		8 Ditto	2	0	0
		6 Ditto	7	0	7
		4 Ditto	9	0	2
		3 Ditto	3	0	0
Howitzers on Truck Carriages		8 Inch	1	0	0
Cohorns with Beds		4 2/5 Ditto	0	7	0
Carriages of Sorts Sea Service Spare			0	0	30
Carriages Travelling Spare	Heavy	24 Pound^rs.	2	0	0
		12 Ditto	1	0	0
Carraiges Spare	D^o.	6 Ditto	3	0	0

Ditto at Fort Willm. Augustus

		Serviceable	Repairable	Unserviceable
Iron	12 Pounders on Ship Carriages	18	0	0
	9 Ditto	2	0	0
	8 Ditto	2	0	0
	5 Ditto	1	0	0
	1 Ditto	1	0	0
Iron	12 Pounders without Carriages	0	0	2
	11 Ditto	0	0	2
	8 Ditto	0	0	1
	6 Ditto	0	0	2
	1 Ditto	0	0	1
Pateraroes		0	0	5
Grenade Mortars		0	0	9

Thos. Gage
Maj^r. Genl.

A General Return of the Government of

Men or Boys from 16, to 60.	Men above the Age of 60 yrs.	Boys under the Age of 16.	Slaves or Negroes Males above 16 Years of Age	Slaves or Negroes males under 16 Years	Married Women or Widows	Girls above 12 Years old	Girls under 12 Years	Slaves or Negroes Females, above 16 Years old
7764	777	5142	47	35	5849	5090	3005	73

7764
777
5142
5849
5090
3005
27627
175
861
28,663
160

47
35
73
20
175

Religious Communitys

Priests of the Seminary St. Sulpice	R: R: P: P: Jesuits	Recollets	Sisters of the Hospital Dieu	Sisters of the Congregation	Sisters of the General Hospital
17	4	14	36	48	17

Secular Clergy

Curates
24

Souls in the Government of Montreal
Total, 28,903

17
4
14
36
48
17
136
24
160

Montreal March 20th 1762.

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Montreal. For the Year 1761 –

Slaves or Negroes Female under 16 Years	Cultivated Lands Acres	Corn Sown Bushells	Oats Barley Pea Bushells	Uncultivated Lands Acres	Oxen, Cows Heifers –	Hogs & Pigs	Sheep –	Horses
20	13221	55003	35118	279,545	21343	15308	6803	8283 –

State of Population

Males	Females
1009 –	1005

Indians in the Villages Cocknawago, Konisadago

Men –	Boys –	Women –	Girls –
284 –	176	343 –	138 –

234
176
343
893

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A List and Account, of the Posts, where the Trade with the Sauvages, was carried on, in the Upper Country. March 20th. 1762.

Posts sold to Particulars.

Names	Where Situated	For what they rent'd pr. Annum. Livres
Tamoscaming	On a Lake of the same Name N: of the Outawa River	14,000,
Saults de St. Marie	N. W: of Lake Huron	18,000,
Michipicoton	On the E: Shore of Lake Superior	12,000,
Alemipigon	On a Lake of the same name N: of Lake Superior	10,000
Kamanistaguia	Upp a Large River N: of the Mer d' Ouest	8,000,
La Mer d' Ouest	W: of Lake Superior	20,000
Chaguimagon	S: W: Shore of Lake Superior	12,000
La Baye des Puantes	On Lake Michigan	25,000
St. joseph	On a River South of Lake Michigan	3,000
	Total	122,000

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Free Posts.—

Livres—

Houilliatanon . . . On the River Ouabasche.

Michillimackinac

Detroit

Miramis.

Passes for Each Canoe to these Posts, were paid for, at the Rate of 600#, & were Obliged, to carry 400 Wt for the King—
At an Average, forty Canoes, went upp Each Year, which amounted to . . . . 24,000—

King's Posts

La Galette.

Cataracui

Toronto.

Niagara.

Presq' Isle

Dusquenne—

At these Posts, the Traffick was Carried on for the King, & the Merchandise furnish'd from his Magazines, & doubtless he might have drawn some advantage from it, but the Iniquitous manner, in which it was carried on, occasioned, His often being a Considerable Loser.

Total arising from the Posts & Permitts &ca ————— 146,000.

Thos. Gage
Majr. Genl.

Endorsed List, & Account of the/ trading posts, in the Indian/ Country—/ March 20th 1762/ No. 3—

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Revenues of Canada.

March 20th. 1762.

Exports.

Tax on Furs. Rates

	Livres	Sous	Deniers	
Marmoset	..	1	..	Each
Deer Skins	3	..	..	pr. Ct. Weight
Bear Skins	..	3	..	Each
Young Do.		1	6	Do.
Fox, & Wild Cat Skins	..	..	8	
Otter & Fisher Skins	..	3	..	
Beaver Eater's Skins	..	3	..	
Wolf Skins		1	6	
Stag's Skins		4	6	
Bison		..	6	
Martin's Skins		1	.	
Racoon	..	..	8	
Moose Deer	2	..	..	
Loup Cervier	..	3	..	
Beaver Stones	..	1		Pr. pound.

Imports

Duty of 3, p Ct. on all Dry Goods.

Wine .... 12 Livres pr. Hogshead

Brandy .... 12 Sous, pr. Gallon

Bottled Wine .... 1 Sous, pr. Bottle

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	Livres
Total of Exports & Imports, Communibus Annis	£400,000
The Sale of Posts, Passports, to the Free Posts, Fines of Alienation, & Other Emoluments, that were received on his M: C: Majesty's Account, Communibus Annis, in Canada	200,000
Total Revenues of Canada at an Average	£600,000

Expence of Canada — Livres

Ordinaries and Extraordinaries, at the most Moderate Computation, & when under the Strictest Management in time of Peace, was computed at £1600,000

Thos. Gage
Maj. Genl.

Endorsed Revenues of Canada / March 20th 1762 /
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Copy 1.

New York, 25th April 1762.

Sir,

Agreeable to Your Excellency's Order, I have been to Visit Fort Pitt, to Report to you the State I found it in, the Damage it Sustained by the Inundation last Winter, as also my Opinion what I thought was further Necessary to be Undertaken for its future Security against the Over-flowing of the Rivers Allegheny and Monongehela.

All the Sod Work that was done last Year, & likewise the best part of that which was Raised the Year before, is tumbled down, and a great part of the Rampart has fared the same fate; however all this might be Easily Remedied, if one was sure the Like Flood would not hap-pen again, but as that may be the Case, it appears to me that there is no Alternative, Either to Revet the Whole Scarp & Counterscarp, with Brick, pretty much in the same manner that two of the Exterior Sides of the Pentagon are already done, or Suffer it to Wash away by Degrees as the Floods happen.

The Buildings within Side may be Raised high, particularly the Storehouses, so that the First Floor may be Five Feet above the Parade, & a Magazine for Powder as also for fixt Ammunition,

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may be made of Brick, Arched in One of the Bastions least Exposed to an Attack, the Floor of which may be Five or Six Feet above the Level of the parade: In this Building the powder and fixt Ammunition may be Lodged, and in case of a Siege, it may then be removed into those under the Bastion, which are Bomb proof.—

Your Excellency knows the State the Fort was in before the Flood, by a Plan & Report made me last Winter by Capt Lieut: Basset, Engineer, which I Laid before Your Excellency.—

The present Interior Buildings cannot be fit long to Receive the Troops, so that there is but one in the Fort (which is Designed for the Commandant) that's good for much, and that is not yet finished.—

I must beg leave to Observe to Your Excellency that tho' all which I have mentioned was carried into Execution in respect to finishing this Fortress, I should be still Apprehensive that a Repetition of the same kind of Swellings of the Rivers, may Injure the Works, or perhaps a higher might Undo the Whole.

The Compleating the Fort in the manner I have above Observed, I believe would Amount to about Seven Thousand pounds Sterling.—

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I think it's my Duty to Acquaint Your Excellency that this Fortress in another Respect is Unhappily Situated; the Neighbouring Grounds are rather higher than that which the Works stand upon, particularly towards the Monongehela River, and behind these places there are hollow ways, which may Serve Effectually an Enemy as para:=lels, where very Considerable Bodys of Men may be Concealed, so that if this Place should be Besieged, the Enemy would be Saved a great deal of Trouble, as their first Batteries, would be near Enough to Batter the Works.—

I Have Directed an Exact Survey to be made of the Country round the Fort, which I shall Lay before Your Excellency, as soon as it's transmitted to me; that will more fully Explain what I have above Observed.

I Think it's necessary that I should men:=tion to Your Excellency upon this Occasion, that whilst Examining the Ground between the Two Rivers, I took Notice of an Eminence about 1300 Yards above the Fort, close to the Monongehela River, that is by Nature most luckily formed to Build a post upon, as its of itself so re:=markably Strong, Attackable only on One Side, & that very Narrow; A Block house below, just

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where the two Rivers meet, would Effectually Com=
=mand the Passage of the Rivers: This Block=
=house, with One or two more would Secure, in
time of War, from Scalping partys all the
Ground for a Mile or two up Each River
between them, where all kind of Grain might
be Sowed, and Gardens made for the Use of
the Garrison: The Survey which I have before
Observed will Explain fully what I now mention.

I am,

Sir,

Your Excellencys,

Most Obedient

and most Humble

Servant

Will: Eyre

Chief Engr. for the

Dept. of New York.

His Excellency Sir Jeffery Amherst.

Endorsed Copy / Lt. Colonel Eyre's / Report / of the State of the Works / of Fort Pitt, since the / Innun=
=dation of the Rivers / Allegeny & Monongehely.. / Dated New York, 26th April 1762 / in Sr J. Amherst's of May 12: 1762 / No. 39.

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Schedule of the Following Letters &ca. from Sir Jeffery Amherst to the Several Governors in North America; In Relation to the Illicit Trade Carried on with the Enemy. –

No. 1. .... Copy of Circular Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst to the Governors of New York; Pensylvania; New Jersey; Connecticutt; Rhode Island; & Massachusetts Bay; Acquainting them of the Intelligence he had Received of the Enemy being Supplied with Provisions from almost Every Port on the Continent of No. America; And therefore Desiring a Total stop Might be put to the Exportation of Provisions, Unless Such as were Shipt for the Use of the Crown, particularly as he found it difficult to procure the Necessary Supplys for the Troops &ca. .... 1762. 15th April

No. 2. .... Do. Circular from Do. on the Same Subject, to the Govrs. of Newhampshire, Maryland; Virginia; North & South Carolina .... Same date

No. 3. ...... Do. Letter from Do. to Lt. Governor Colden; Enclosing him Sundry Papers that had been Intercepted, concerning the Illicit Trade carrying on with the Enemy, & Containing the particulars of each paper &ca. .. 16th April

No. 4. .... Do. Letter from Do. to the Surveyors General

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for Both Districts of North America; Acquainting them of the Discoveries Made of the Illicit Trade carried on with the Enemy, & Enclosing Lists of Vessells that were Suspected to be Engaged in that Trade: Likewise Recommends to them to give Strict Charge to the Custom Officers within their respective Districts to be more Carefull in the Execution of their Duty, for there was great Reason to Suspect Many of them were Guilty of Something Worse than Neglect . . . . . . 24th April 1762

No. 5. . . . . . Do. List of the Vessells that had Cleared out from New York, for Different Ports on the Continent, but were Suspected to have Proceeded directly to the Enemy's Settlements; Enclosed with, and Referred to, in the foregoing Letter . . . .

No. 6. . . . . Copy./ Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst to Governor Fitch; Containing further Proofs of the Attempts Made for Supplying the Enemy with Provisions; & therefore Desiring a General Embargo may be immediately Laid on all the Ports in Connecticutt . . . 5th May

No. 7. . . . . Do. . Letter from Do. to Governor Bernard; Enclosing Several Papers that had been found in the possession of a Monsr. Comte,

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Who was now in Custody at New York, & Who Appeared to have been Sent to this Country, on purpose to Establish Such a Trade as could not fail to Supply the Enemy with Provisions; That as those Papers mentioned Some People at Boston, the General Desires the Governor will Use his utmost to bring the Guilty to Condign punishment; And from the Other Discoverys made by the Seizure of Monsr. Comté's Papers, he thinks it Absolutely Necessary to Desire an Embargo May be Laid on all provision Vessells in the Government of Massachusetts bay . . 1762 6th. May

No. 8 . . . . . . Do. Letter from Do. to Lt. Governor Colden; Containing further particulars of Several Ships taken on their Return from Cape François &ca., after having Delivered Cargos of Provisions all from New York, altho' they had Cleared out for Other Ports on the Continent, & Requesting the Lt. Governor to make some Examples of those Concerned in this most Iniquitous Trade, &ca. . . . . 6th. May

No. 9 . . . . Do. Letter from Do. to Governor Hamilton; Desiring a General Embargo May be Laid on all the Ports within the Province of Pensylvania, for the Reasons Urged in the

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foregoing Letters; & Enclosing Copy of a Letter from Cape François, to a Mor. Boyrie at Philadelphia Laying down a plan for Carrying on the Illicit Trade &ca. .... 1762 7th. May

No. 10 .... Copy of Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst to Govr. Hopkins; Desiring a General Embargo may be immediately Laid on the Ports in Rhode Island; The Papers Seized at New York having given full Proofs that many of the Merchants in that Colony were deep:-ly Concerned in the Illicit Trade &ca. .. 7th. May

No. 11 ..... Do. Letter from Do. to John Temple Esqr. Surveyor General for the Northern District, Acquainting him of further Discoverys being made of the Illicit Trade Carried on with the Enemy, & mentioning some particular Vessells concerned therein being taken Coming into New York, &ca. .... 7th. May

No. 12 .... Do. Letter from Do. to Lt. Govr. Colden; Returning the Papers of Monsr. Comte, & other Suspected Persons Apprehended at New York; And Recommends to the Lt. Governor to bring them to Condign punishment &ca. 10th. May.

No. 13 .. Do. Schedule of Papers belonging to the French King's Subjects, taken up at New York, in Consequence of the Lieut. Governor's Warrant; Referred to, in the foregoing.-

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Copy.|. (No. 1.)

New York, 15th. April 1762.

Sir,

As from Several Papers that have fallen into my hands, I have Undoubted proofs of the Enemy being Supplied with Provisions from almost Every Port on the Continent of North America; I must Represent to You, the Necessity of putting an Effectual Stop to Such Infamous practices, Particularly at a time, When there is the greatest Demand for Provisions to Supply the King's Troops; And as I am well Assured that there are Large Quantitys in Store in the Several Provinces, kept up by the Merchants, on purpose for Exportation, And that very large Supplies will be wanted for the Troops that are to Assemble on this Continent, for Immediate Service, I should Desire an Embargo on the Shipping, were I not Averse to Such a Measure, Which Might be Attended with Several Inconveniences; And as I think the preventing any Provisions from being Exported May Answer the Same End; I Must therefore Request You will be pleased to take Such Steps as You think best for Effectually prohibiting any kind of Provisions from being Shipped at any of the Ports within Your Province, Except for the

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above Mentioned Services; And for Obliging the Merchants to Deliver What they have in their Stores to Persons that Shall be Appointed to purchase the Same for the Crown (the Contractors, or any Other Agents having no Concern therewith) that the King's Service May be Carried on, And May not Suffer for want of that Most Essential Article.—

I am, with great Regard,

Sir, &ca.

Jeff: Amherst.

The Foregoing Letter to the Governors of,

New York; Pensylvania;
New Jersey; Connecticutt;
Rhode Island & Massachusetts bay.

(No. 2)

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Copy./ (No. 3)

New York, 16th April 1762.

Sir,

I now Enclose You the Several Papers relative to the Illicit Trade Carried on from this Port, Which I Mentioned to You in my Letter of Yesterday, had lately fallen into my hands, And I Shall just set down the Heads, according to the Method I have Classed them in, with Some Remarks, that they may appear in as clear a Manner as possible.—

No. 1... is a Passport from Philip François Bart, the French Governor, to Wm. Carlisle, Master of the Dove, giving permission to the Said William Carlisle, to Trade to the French Ports, and Ordering all Captains of any French Vessells to let him pass freely, & to give him Every aid & Assistance that they can. As this Pass-port was taken on board the Vessell, I doubt not but You will take Care the Master Meets with Such punishment as his Crime Deserves.—

No. 2... is a Letter from a Person Who Stiles himself Fair trader, Dated at Leogone; And Acquainting his Correspondent of the Market being tolerable there, and that he Should Acquaint Mr. P. R. L. & his, Which I Suppose he Means to be at New York.—

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No. 3 ... is a Letter from Mr. R.R. from Cape François to Mr. Theot. Bache at New York, Intended to be sent by Capt. Bathel, Advising the best Methods of Carrying on the Trade, And how Vessells May avoid being taken.—

No. 4 & 5 —. are Invoice of Sugars Shipt on board the Sarah & Mary at Cape François; and Sale of the Cargo She Carried to the Said Port.—

No. 6 ... is a Letter from a Gentleman to his Friend at Barbadoes, Which tho it does not Concern Any one here, Yet I Enclose it as he Invites his Friend to Carry on a Trade, & Supposes he can do it by the way of New England, for Which purpose he could procure Whatever Permissions were wanted.—

No. 7 .... is a Letter from Mr. Lory to Mr. Van Solen at New York; giving an Account of his Brigantine having been taken by the French, with the Methods he took to get her released, as the Master of the Vessell had a Flag of Truce on board, with a French permission; but as the French Vessell had hoisted English colours, When She took the Brigantine, the Master of the Latter had hid his Papers, Which afterwards on his going on board, and finding her to be French he Offered to Shew.— Mr. Lory Says in this Letter that he hopes the Schooner

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Mary will Make Quick Expedition with the Cargo Mr Van Solen had Acquainted him She is to bring—

No. 8.... is a Letter of the 6th 22d Febry. & 11th March from Mr. Lory to Mr. Rieuse at New York, Enclosing a Bill of Exchange from Wm. Carlile, drawn on Peter Robt. Livingston, for goods received of Mr. Lory at the Cape. This Letter gives an Account of the Brigantine Friendship, Captain Campbell, belonging to Mr. Van Solen, being Arrived at the Cape, with a long Detail of the Manner in Which She had been taken; That he had gone on board the Vessell with the Master, and had found the French permission, And that he Might Assure Mr. Van Solen the Vessell would be Released altho the Expences & Delay Attending it would be Considerable. He Advises that Vessells Should Come with Flags of Truce or permissions, Mentions De Peyster, Livingston, & Frazier: That there were Many Captains with Flags of Truce, with Flour at the Cape: Speaks of a Captain Richard Moons; & that he writes to Messrs. Shee, & Sherridan, Who, by Another Letter, Appear to be at Leogone, to Send him Permissions. He Mentions the Snow Sally's Arrival at St. Louis; And in the End he says that Messrs. Shee & Sherridan have Acquainted him that they'll Send the Permissions, & that he is Sorry he has not them to forward by that Occasion.—

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No. 9 . . . is a Letter to Mr. Tetard at New York.
No. 10 . . . is a Bill of Lading of the Dove at Cape François.
No. 11 . . . Mr. Feschene's Accot. of goods, proper to be brought to the Cape.
No. 12 . . . is a Letter from James Thompson at the Cape.
No. 13 . . . is a Mem. of Many things for the Ser=vice of fitting out Vessells, to be procured here, and be sent to the Cape —
No. 14 . . . is Accot. of Capt. Magen's Expences at Port au Paix, & Cape François.
No. 15 . . . are four bills of Lading, Signed by Wm. Carlile of goods Shipt at Cape François.
No. 16 . . . are Several papers of little Consequence, but Mention the Names of some People, Who, I fear, May have Something to do with this Illicit Trade.

On a perusal of the forementioned Papers, You will See such Evident proofs of the Enemy's not only being Supplied with Provisions by Mer=chants from this place, but likewise the Plans they are Laying for furnishing the French and Spaniards with the Means of fitting out Vessells, & in Short with Every Necessary they can Require for carrying on the War against Us.. Such Infamous practices at any time ought to be Suppressed; but now When we are just Engaged in a War with a New Enemy, & that there is the greatest Reason

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imaginable, to think that without Supplys from this Continent the Enemy could not Subsist their Fleets in the West Indies; And of Course Must Decline any Intended Offensive Operations, & be Obliged to Abandon their Coasts, it becomes a Matter of the Utmost Importance to put a Total Stop to that Trade, Which has been, & is now Carrying on, to the great disgrace, & Scandal of Every One Concerned therein —

I am Certain I need Add nothing further, on the Subject to You, being well Convinced, You will do Every thing in Your power, for Crushing this Infamous Traffick, as well, as for punishing those, Who are proved to have been Guilty of Acting, so Contrary to the Laws of their Country. —

I am, with great Regard,

Sir, &ca.

Jeff: Amherst.

Hon.ble Lt. Governor Colden — New York

(No. 4)

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Copy./ (No. 4)

New York, 24th April 1762

Sir,

As from Several Papers that have fallen into my hands, I have Undoubted proofs of the Enemy being Supplied with Provisions from almost Every port on the Continent of North America; And that this Illicit Trade has been Carried on, by Clearing out the Vessells for different ports on the Continent, & afterwards procuring Certificates of the Delivery of their Cargoes at those Ports, altho' it is certain that Many of the Vessells never went near them, but proceeded to Cape François, or other Ports belonging to the Enemy —

And as the pernicious Effects of this In:famous Commerce are most Severely felt at present by the difficulty I have in procuring Sufficient Quan:titys of Provisions for the Troops that are already Employed, & that are Assembling for Immediate Ser:vice; Besides, the Villany of Supplying the Enemy, Who, by all Accts. without that, could not Subsist their Fleets in the West Indies; I have therefore Re:presented to the Several Governors the Necessity of Using their Authority to prevent the Exportation of Provisions of all kinds, that the King's Service may be Carried on, & may not Suffer for want of that

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Most Essential Article.—

But as the Evil Complained of, cannot be put a Stop to, While Some of the Officers of the Customs continue Negligent in their Duty, or What is Much Worse Connive at, and knowingly support this Infamous Trade, by granting Certificates for Cargoes that never were Delivered, I Must Desire You will Use Your utmost Endeavors to Detect such as May have been Guilty of these heinous Crimes, that they May be brought to Condign punishment, as a warning to Others; And I herewith Enclose You a List of Vessells

To Mr. Temple

that have been Cleared out at this Port for Pensylvania & North Carolina;

New London

Several of Which there are Undoubted proofs never touched at those places, but

that place

went directly to the Enemy's Ports; altho' they have produced Certificates of the Delivery of their Cargoes at the places for Which they were Cleared. The particular Articles Mentioned in the Clearances are almost Sufficient Proofs that they could never be Intended for the places they pretended to have been bound for, Since it is well known that the Sending Such Stores as are in the List from

Provisions at New London And Likewise another List of Vessells that I have certain Intelligence delivered their Cargoes at Cape Francois, & Port au Paix:

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one Port to Another on this Continent could never Answer their Purposes.—

I Need not, I am persuaded, Add any thing More to Convince You of the Necessity of Making a Strict Enquiry into this Affair, And of giving Such directions to the Officers of the Several Ports within Your District for the due Execution of their Duty, as May prevent any Cause for Complaints of this Nature for the future:—

I am,

Sir,

&ca.

Jeff: Amherst.

The Hon.ble Peter Randolph Esq.r Surveyor General of His Majesty's Customs for the Southern District of N.o America

N.B. The Like Letter — To The Hon.ble John Temple Esq.r Surveyor General of His Majesty's Customs in the Northern District of North America with Alterations as p Margin.—

(N.o 5.)

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(No. 5.)

List of Vessells Cleared out from New York for Pensylvania & North Carolina. Enclosed in the foregoing Letter to Mr. Randolph.

Vessells Names	Masters Names	Owners Names	Cargo	Where bound	When Cleared
Sloop Hester ...	Nathl. Bethel.	Thos. Moore, Saml. Sackett, Wm. Dobbs, Abr: Lott.	Provs. Iron, Apples, Candles Hoops & Prize Claret.	No. Carolina	16th. Novr. 1761.
Schooner St. Michael.	Willm. Moore ..	John Waddel, Philip Livingston, Jas. Jauncey	Provs. Iron, Bricks Hoops, European Goods. ..	Black River Pensylvania	25th. Novr. —
Brigt. Charming Anne.	Wm. Simonton ..	Wm. Simonton ..	Tar, Provs., European Goods, Candles, Lard, Boards, Hoops	No. Carolina.	18th. Janry. 1762.
Sloop Jove	John Ball ..	Daniel Moore, & Teleman Cruger	Provisions	Ditto	26th. Janry.
Sloop Industry ..	Theunis Thew ..	Thos. Lynch, Jacob Townshend, & Ab: Lott	Provisions	Ditto	10th. Novr. 1761.

List of the Vessells Cleared out from New York for New London; Enclosed in the foregoing Letter to Mr. Temple. —

Vessells Names —	Masters Names	Owners Names.	Cargo.	Where bound.	When Cleared
Sloop New York Packett.	Richd. Moon ..	Robt Campbell Gerard:s Van Solingen	Flour, Iron.	New London.	13th. Novr. 1761.
Sloop Dove	Wm. Carlile ..	Winter Fargie, Peter R. Livingston Gerd. G. Beckman	Provs. Onions Hoops, Coals,	Ditto.	25th. Do.
Brigt. Friendship ..	Robt. Campbell ..	Thos. Livingston, Gerard's Van Solingen, & Robt. Campbell	Flour, Boards, Iron	Ditto	26th. Do.
Sloop Fair Trader ..	Wm. Montgomery ..	Peter R. Livingston ..	Flour, Onions, Staves, Desks, Claret ...	Ditto	26th. Do.
Sloop York ...	John Walker.	John Milligan, Saml. Loudon.	Provs. Oyl, Lard, Candles, Fish, Europ: Goods, Boards.	Ditto	3d. Febry. 1762
Sloop Fox ...	John Cotton ..	Richd. & John Alsop	Provs. Iron, Oyl Boards	Ditto	12th. Do.

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There is Certain Intelligence of the following Vessells having been at Cape François, & of Which a List was also Enclosed to Mr. Temple.

Vizt.

Brig Sally ... of New York, Mc Cloughlen. Master.

Snow ...... of New York, Williams, Master.

Sloop ...... of the East End of Long Island, Hicks, Mastr.

Sloop .... of New York. Tew, Master.

Snow ...... of New York - Miller, Mastr.

Brig ...... of Rhode Island, Hopkins Mastr. at Port au Paix

(No. 6.)

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Copy./ (No. 6.)

New York, 5th May 1762

Sir,

I was in hopes from my Letter to You, of the 15th April, And the orders You had given in Consequence thereof, to prohibit the Exportation of Provisions, the persons Whom I had Employed to buy up Provisions for the Crown in the Colony of Connecticutt would have met with no Difficultys in procuring What the Country Afforded: but to my great Astonishment, I have just now Learned from Undoubted Authority, that notwithstanding the orders You had given for Stopping all provision Vessells, Moses Freeman, in a Sloop from New London Sailed with upwards of 300 Barrells of Pork, without any Clearance Whatever; that —— Taylor in a Schooner went to Boston with 108 Barrells of Pork, altho' the said Pork had been Purchased by the person Whom I had Appointed to buy for the Crown, And the Owners had agreed to deliver it; that Colonel Saltonstall had Sent off his Vessell on a Cruizing Voyage, Supposed to be with provisions; and that he and Sundry others had great Quantitys of Provisions in Store, Which they would not Sell, owing it is presumed to their Expectations of getting a higher price, by Sending it to the Enemy, Which they can Easily do, since the

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Restraint already laid on the Port has but little Effect, as Vessells go out daily, without any Clearances at all.

In order therefore to put an Effectual Stop to this most Iniquitous Trade, Which is not only Infamous in itself, by Supporting the Avowed Enemys of the King, but Occasions great Difficulty in procuring the Necessary Supplys for Carrying on His Majesty's Service, I must Desire You will Cause a General Embargo to be immediately Laid on all the Ports within Your Government, Excepting for Such Vessells as are Loaded with Provisions by the Persons Appointed to purchase Provisions for the Crown, and the Transports You Employ to bring round the Pro=vincial Troops: this Measure becomes absolutely neces=sary, as it is impossible Otherways to prevent those Daring Adventurers from Sending their Vessells to the Enemy's Ports, particularly as it Appears they are per=mitted to Sail on pretended Cruizing Voyages without any Clearances: the Supposition of Colonel Saltonstalls Vessell being Loaded with Provisions, I have great Reason to believe is too well founded, as by Sundry Papers Intercepted since I last wrote You on this Subject, that Gentleman Appears to be deeply Concerned in this Infamous Commerce.—

I am, with great Regard, / Sir, / &ca.

Honble. Governor Fitch.

Jeff: Amherst.

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Copy 1. (No. 7)

New York, 6th May 1762.

Sir,

I Had last Night the favor of Your Letter of the 29th Ultimo; Acquainting Me of Your having Laid an Embargo on Provisions; but Mentioning Some Difficultys that were likely to Arise from that Measure, And Desiring My Opinion thereon.—

The Readiness with Which You have Complied with My Request for prohibiting the Exportation of Provisions, Demands My Acknowledgements, as at the time When I wrote You last on that Subject I had great Reason to Suspect that Schemes were forming by Sundry Merchants on this Continent to Supply the Enemy with all Sorts of Provisions, by Means of False Clearances, and Other Frauds, Countenanced, I am afraid, by the Officers of Some of the Ports; but, within these few days, I have made full Discoveries of the Whole Plan, the Lt Governor having granted his Warrant to Seize the Persons and Effects of the French King's Subjects, at Present Residing in this place; Among Whom is a Monsieur Comte, Who is now in Custody, Who Appears to have been Sent on Purpose to Establish Such a Commerce with the Enemy, that not only their Settlements in the West Indies, but their Fleets and

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Troops, were to be Supplied with Provisions from this Continent: As his Papers Mention Some People at Boston concerned with him, I think proper to Send You the Originals, (having kept Copies thereof) that You May take Such Steps as You Judge best, for bringing the Guilty to Condign punishment; And I likewise transmit You a List of Some Names and Memorandums, Which were found Among his Papers, as Some of those Mentioned therein May also belong to Your Government. — Mons[r]. Comte was furnished with Circular Letters to almost all the Governors on the Continent, as well as to the Governors of some of the West India Islands, both English & Dutch, Couched in such terms, as plainly Discover his Design, altho' he is Recommended to the King's Governors as a Person coming to their respective Governments on Account of his Health, (of Which no Mention is Made to the Dutch) and to Settle Some Affairs of his Own: I do not find a Letter to You, but perhaps he May have Delivered it. —

From What I have told You and a Perusal of the Enclosed Papers, I am persuaded You will Join with me in thinking it highly Necessary to put a Total Stop to this Iniquitous Trade, Which is not only Infamous in itself, by Supporting the Avowed Enemys of the King, but occasions great Difficulty in

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procuring the Necessary Supplies for Carrying on His Majesty's Service: I Have felt the good Effects already at this Port, by the Merchants Making Offer of the Provisions, Which I am well Convinced, were Intended to have been Sent to the Enemy: but finding from the Orders given that they could not Effect it, they are now willing to dispose of them to the Crown: This however would do but little towards preventing the Enemy's being Supplied if an Effectual Stop is not put to the Exportation of Provisions from all the Other Ports; And I Must therefore Request, Notwithstanding the Inconveniences Mentioned by You that will Arise by prohibiting Fish to be Carried to the West India Islands, & other Provisions to Halifax, Newfoundland, & Quebec, You will Continue a General Embargo for the present; for without that I do not see any possibility of hindering those Whose Sole Views seem to be to get Money, without the least Regard for the good of their Country, from Accomplishing their Designs.—

I Have wrote fully on this Head to the Governor of Connecticutt, having received certain Intelligence that Sundry Vessells have Sailed from the Port of New London, Loaded with Provisions. Since the Orders given to Stop all Such; and

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that Some of those Vessells have even Ventured out, without any Clearances at all.–

I am, with great Regard,

Sir,

&ca.

Jeff: Amherst.

P. S. Notwithstanding What I have Said in the fore-going Letter, I would not prevent the New Set-tlers in Nova Scotia, from Receiving the Necessary Supplies; And therefore Such Vessells as take in Provisions for that Province, And that give Bond, to Your Satisfaction, that they Deliver their Cargo there, May be permitted to go thither.

His Excellency Governor Bernard.

(R.S.)

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Copy.) (No. 8.)

New York, 6th May 1762

Sir,

I Was in hopes I Should not have had any Occasion of troubling You with More proofs of the Illicit Trade carried on from this Port, than I had already Laid before You; but I Must Con: =fess there Appears to Me to be no End to it; for Captain Houlton has just now Shewn Me Sundry Papers, Seized on board Vessells that Cleared out from New York for Other Ports on this Continent, and proceeded directly to Cape François &ca. from Whence they brought Cargoes of Sugars. — The Papers are too long to Copy; And as Captain Houlton must keep the Originals to Lay before His Lawyer I Shall give You the Substance of What Appears from the Depositions of the Masters, & Crews of the said Vessells. —

1st. . . . Sloop Industry, Theunis Thew, Master, Cleared out, from New York, 10th Novr. 1761, for North Carolina, & Jamaica, with a Quantity of Provisions &ca, as Ap: =pears by all her Papers: And Bond was given for Landing the said Provisions pursuant to Act of Parliament: The Master Declares he had Verbal orders from his Owners Jacob Van Zante, Jacob Townsend, Thos. Lynch, Thos. Witter, & Abrm. Lott, to proceed to

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Cape François, Where he Arrived the 3d or 4th December, & Delivered the said Cargoe to Mich.l La Roche, Who Shipt in Return a Cargo of Sugars, And that he Sailed from Cape François, on the 1st April 1762.—

2d . . . Sloop Susannah & Anne — Dobbs, Master: All her Papers are Destroyed; but by the Deposition of the Mate it Appears that he Shipt himself on the 1st Jan.ry at New York, on board the said Sloop for Jamaica; that they Sailed the 29th or 30th; but that he Imagined the Sloop was Intended for Hispaniola: That the 18th or 20th Febr.y they Arrived at Port Louis, Where they delivered part of the Cargo, And the rest at the Ocoys, & took in a Cargo of Sugars & Indigo: That they Sailed the 4th or 5th April for New York.—

3d . . . . Brig New York Castle, Thomas Smith, Master. By the Papers of this Vessell I see that She Cleared out at New York on the 30th Sept.r 1761, for Tortola; but the Master of the Vessell Declares he had Verbal orders from Mr. Godardus Van Solingen to proceed to Port St. Louis, & the Ocoys, Where he arrived the 4th or 5th November, & Delivered the Cargo to Mons.r Ribails, on receiving a Cargo of Brown Sugars, And that on the 28th Jan.ry 1762, he Sailed from the Ocoys for New London, and New York.—

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4th.... Snow Johnson, Wm. Williams, Master, Who De=poses he was Shipt as Master on board said Vessell, by Messrs. Waddell Cunninghame, & Thomas White, on the 27th October 1761; That She was Loaded with 290 Barrells Flour &ca.; that on the 2d or 3d Novr. they proceeded to Sea, and had orders to go to Cape François, Where he Arrived the 3d Decemr.; That he Delivered the Cargo at Cape François to Mr. David McCarty, and about the 10th or 12th January, Mr. McCarty Shipt on board said Snow a Cargo of Sugars, & on the 29th March he Sailed from the Cape..

I need add no Remarks on the foregoing to Shew the Height to Which this Iniquitous Trade is Arrived, and the Absolute Necessity of Crushing it: From the orders You have been pleased to give for Stopping Provisions, I have already some good Effects, for one of the Merchants Mentioned as the Owner of the Snow Johnson, vizt. Waddel Cunningham, has this day Offered a Quantity of Beef, Which I can have no Doubt, he Intended to have Shipt for the Enemy; but as from the Intelligence I have Received of Several Vessells Loaded with Pro=visions having Sailed from New London, Since the Orders given to Stop Provisions, I have thought proper to Apply to the Governors of Connecticutt & Massa=chusetts Bay to Lay a General Embargo, I must

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Request You will take Such Measures as may totally prohibit any Provision Vessells being Cleared out from this Port, Unless Such as go on Account of the Crown, for I would not Desire an Embargo here, if I can Carry on the Service without it. And that I find no Attempts are made to Supply the Enemy with Provisions.—

I am, with great Regard,

Sir,

&ca.

Jeff: Amherst.

Honble. Lt. Governor Colden.

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(No. 9)

Copy./.   (No. 9)

New York, 7th May 1762.

Sir,

Since my Letter to You of the 15th April in relation to the Illicit Trade Carried on from the Several Ports on this Continent, very full Dis=coverys have been made by the Seizure of the Papers of Some of the French King's Subjects in this City, Who, it Appears, had Come to this Country, purposely to Establish Such a Commerce, as Might not only Supply the Enemy's Settlements in the West Indies with Provisions, but likewise their Fleets, And Armys that Might Arrive there.—

Among the Papers of one of those Gentle=men (a Monsr. Comte) Who is now in Custody, there is a Letter to a Monsr. Boyrie at Philadelphia, Laying down a plan for Carrying on this Infamous Commerce, And Acquainting him of the Arrival of a French Fleet at Cape François, Which would Occasion a great Demand for Provisions; a Copy of Which Letter, with a Translation thereof, I think proper to Enclose You, that You may take Such Steps, as You Shall judge best for Securing Boyrie; and punishing him as he Deserves, as I Doubt not but on Seizing his Papers, there will be found Sufficient proofs of his being full as

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Guilty as those Who have been taken up at this place; I have likewise certain Intelligence that great Quantitys of Provisions have been Collecting in the Province of Pensylvania, Which can be only Intended to be Sent to the Enemy, as they have made so Much difficulty in delivering up any for the Use of the Crown; I Must therefore Re=quest You will Cause a General Embargo to be immediately Laid on all the Ports within Your Government, Excepting for Such Vessells as are, or may be hereafter Loaded by the Persons Appointed to Purchase Provisions for the Crown, and the Trans=ports I have Ordered to be taken up at Philadelphia: This Measure becomes absolutely Necessary, as I see no Other way of preventing those Whose Sole Views Seem to be to get Money, without the least Regard for the good of their Country, from Accomplish=ing their Designs. –

I am, with great Regard,
Sir
&c.

Jeff: Amherst.

Honble Governor Hamilton.

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Copy./ (No. 10)

New York, 7th May 1762.

Sir,

Since My Letter to You of the 15th April, in relation to the Illicit Trade Carried on from the Several Ports on this Continent, very full Dis=coverys have been Made, by the Seizure of the Papers of some of the French King's Subjects in this City, Who, it Appears, had Come to this Country, purposely to Establish such a Commerce as Might not only Supply the Enemy's Settlements in the West Indies with Provisions, but likewise their Fleets & Armys that Might Arrive there.—

It Likewise Appears from those Papers that Rhode Island is one of the Principal Colonies on Which they Depend; And that Several of the Merchants at Newport are deeply Concerned in this Iniquitous Trade, Which is not only Infamous in itself, by Supporting the Avow'd Enemies of the King, but occasions great Difficulty in procuring the necessary Supplys for Carrying on His Majesty's Ser=vice; I am therefore to Desire You will be pleased to Cause a General Embargo to be immediately Laid on all the Ports within Your Government; Except for the Transports You Employ to bring round the Provincial Troops; I have made the same Application

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to the Governors of Connecticutt & Massachusetts Bay, as I see no other way of preventing those Whose Sole Views Seem to be to get Money, without the least Regard for the good of their Country, from Accomplishing their Designs; And I fear it is but too true that Some have Entered into this Trade, Who, from their Connections with the Governors, I Should have Judged it would have been impossible they could have Engaged in a Commerce, so de=structive to their Country.—

I am, with great Regard,

Sir,

&ca.

Jeff: Amherst.

Honble. Governor Hopkins.

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Copy./ (No. 11)

New York, 7th. May 1762-

Sir,

Since My Letter to You of the 24th. April, in relation to the Illicit Trade carried on from the Several Ports on this Continent, very full Dis:=coverys have been Made by * the Seizure of the Papers of Some of the French King's Subjects in this City, Who, it Appears, had Come to this Country, purposely to Establish Such a Commerce as Might not only Supply the Enemy's Settlements in the West Indies with Provisions, but likewise their Fleets & Armys that Might Arrive there..-

But these are not the only proofs of this Infamous Trade being pursued, for within these few days, the four following Vessells, vizt. Sloop Industry, Theunis Thew, Masr. Sloop Susan:=nah & Anne - Dobbs, Master; Brig New York Castle Thos. Smith Master; & Snow Johnson Wm. Williams Master, were Seized Coming into this Port, And it appears by their Papers that they were all Cleared out from hence for different ports on this Continent & for Jamaica; that they gave Bond to Deliver their Cargos pursuant to Act of Parliament; but from Other Papers found on board it Appears that they had Proceeded directly to Cape François,

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Where they had delivered their Provisions &ca; And Received in Return Cargos of Sugars &ca.; all which are Confirmed by the Depositions of the Masters & Crews, Who likewise Declare that the Owners gave Verbal orders to the Masters on their Leaving this port, to proceed directly to Cape François. –

I am likewise to Acquaint You that I have Certain Intelligence of Vessells Loaded with Provisions, having Sailed from New London without any Clearances at all, particularly one belonging to Colonel Saltonstall, and a Sloop, Moses Freeman, Master with upwards of 300 Barrells of Pork; And as this happened Since the Orders given by the Governor of Connecticutt in Consequence of My Ap=plication to him, to Stop all Provision Vessells, I Have thought it Necessary to Desire him, as I now do the Governors of Massachusetts Bay & Rhode Island to Lay a General Embargo on the Several Ports within their respective Governments, for without taking such a Measure, I can See no way of putting an Ef=fectual Stop to this Iniquitous Trade, Which is not only In=famous in itself by Supporting the Avowed Enemys of the King; but Occasions great Difficulty in procuring the Necessary Supplys for Carrying on His Majesty's Service. –

I am, with great Regard, / Sir, / &ca.

Honble John Temple Esqr. Jeff: Amherst.

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Copy./ (No. 12)

New York, 10th May 1762.

Sir,

Having now made all the Use of the Papers concerning the Illicit Trade, which I Intended, I Herewith Return them to You, with Attested Copies of those of Mr. Comte's, relating to the People at Boston, together with a Translation of the Same, having sent the Originals to the Governor of the Massachusetts Bay, that he May take the proper Steps for bringing the Persons Mentioned therein, if they are to be found within his Government, to Condign Punishment.

The Necessity of punishing those Who have been Guilty of promoting & Carrying on this In:=famous Trade, is, I am Persuaded, so Apparent to You, that I shall Say nothing More on the Subject, being well Convinced You will do Every thing in Your power to Make a proper Example, to Deter any Person at this Port, from Venturing into Such Unwarrantable Commerce for the future: I Must only Observe, that it Appears Extraordinary to me, Any one Who Enjoys the Benefit of a British Subject, Should, with Impunity, be permitted to Transgress the known Laws of the Kingdom, Whilst a French Man, Whose Principles May Naturally Lead

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him to Assist his own Country, is punished According to the Nature of the Crime: You will perceive that I Allude to Mr. Van Solen, & Several Others, Who it Seems are Inhabitants of this Place, & Enjoy their Liberty, Notwithstanding there are the Most Glaring proofs of their being deeply Concerned in this Destructive & pernicious Trade.—

I am, with great Regard,

Sir,

&ca.

Jeff: Amherst.

Honble Lt Governor Colden.

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Schedule of Papers belonging to the French King's Subjects taken up at New York, in Consequence of the Lt Governor's Warrant; Referred to, in the foregoing Letter. –

Monsieur Rieux's Papers.

No. 1. . . . A Passport from Monsr. De Bart, Govr. of Cape François; Granting Leave to Mr. Rieux, Inhabitant of Fort Dauphin to proceed to New York for the Establishment of his Health, in any Flag of Truce, or Neutral Vessell, Dated the 3d Janry 1760.

No. 2. . . . Letter of Recommendation from Mr. De Bart to Governor Denny, in favor of Mr. Rieux – Dated 27th Decr 1759. –

No. 3. . . . Letter from Mr. Lorin to Monsr. Rieux, Dated at Cape François 6th & 22d Febry 1762. – It Contains Sundry Matters relative to Trade from this Port, And an Account of Sundry Cargoes Shipt thither from New York: The Articles, it appears were Provisions. –

No. 4. . . . Letter from L. to Monsr. Rieux, Containing Some proposals for Opening a Trade to this Port from the Cape; And Mentioning that Mr. Pintard had Sent away his Vessell from the Cape. – It is without Date. –

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No. 5..... Letter from Monsr. Rivai, Dated at the Cape 14th. Febry. 1762, to Mr. Rieux, brought by Capt Joseph Smith, mentioning an Acct. of a Cargo Sold there to be Enclosed, & of another belonging to Mr. Vergereau.—

No. 6.... Letter from the Same Person to Mr. Rieux, Dated at Port St. Louis 19th. Jany. 1762, brought by Capt. Thos. Smith, mentioning that he has Enclosed an Acct. of the Cargo brought there by Captain Thomas Smith.—

No. 7...... A Letter from Mr. Lory at the Cape to Mr. Rieux, Dated 11th. March 1762, mentioning Something of the Cargoes of the Sarah & Mary, and mentioning the Snow Sally, & a Vessell of Mr. De Peyster's, and of Some passports that were to be sent here.—

On Examining the Papers of Mr. Verseil, there was Nothing Material found, & by Direction of the Governor & General Amherst, they were Delivered to him.—

Mr. Maroquie's Papers.

No. 1.... Passport Dated at St. Louis 22d. July 1758 by Robert Dargout, Knight of the order of St. Louis, & Governor of the South Side of Saint Domingo.—

Nothing Else Material.—

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Mons.r Le Comte's Papers

No. 1 .... Letter from Mess.rs Raby freres, Dated at the Cape 25.th March 1762, giving an Account of a French Fleet of Men of War & Troops Arrived there; And Containing proposals for sending Provisions to Victual them. — Directed to Mr. Boyrie at Philadelphia —

No. 2 .... Invoice of 60 Hhds Sugar, Shipd in the King George, Capt. Henry Law, on Acco.t of Mess.rs Stillwell, Kelly, & Co. with an Obligatory Note for Livres 10083 : sols 19. to Stillwell, Kelly and Co. — Dat: last Transaction 13.th Febr.y 1762 —

No. 3 .... Order drawn on Captain Jauncey by John Wilson for 120 Livres for Provisions for Brig.t Polly — Dated Port Louis 17.th Febr.y 1762. —

No. 4 .... Bill of Exchange, John Mc Cormell on Mess.rs Gregg Cunningham & White for 175 Livres — Dated at au Cayes, July 8th 1761, in favor of Mess.rs Goguet & Dutruch, with orders to place the same to Acco.t of the Snow Johnson.

No. 5 .... Three Passports from Mons.r Bart; two of them in favor of Le Comte & Company, the Other blank; — for the Importation of all Species of Provisions & Houshold Goods, they are Numbered 29. 30. 31. — Three Other blank passports not Numbered, for the Importation of Negroes from Guinea. —

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No. 6 . . . . . Letter from George Saltonstall to Mr. de Compte, Dated New London April 8th 1762. Advising that Capt. Saltonstall will Sail the following week in the Britannia; mentions that he may probably send another Vessell therefore a Permission will be Acceptable. —

No. 7 . . . . Memorandum of Letters wrote by Mr. Le Comte, to his Several Correspondents by Name, Relative to Illicit Trade. —

No. 8 . . . . . Letters of Recommendation to Several Governors &ca in favor of Mr Le Comte — Some of Which Mention his having business of Interest to Transact. —

No. 9 . . . . . Memorandum of Shipping Sundry Effects by Captain Cousin. —

No. 10 . . . . Letter from B. Aguart to Mr. Le Comte from Boston 5th April 1762, with Proposals to Enter into Trade with Some of the Principal Merchants in Boston & Mentioning that he had wrote to One Mr. Good concerning that Trade.

No. 11 . . . . Letter from the Same Gentleman to the Same; Dated Salem, 19th April 1762, with more particulars relating to the Same Scheme. —

Endorsed Copies of Letters from / Sir Jeffery Amherst to the / Several Governors on the Continent/

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of North America; In Relation/ to the Illicit Trade Carried on wth/ the Enemy, & Containing full/ Discoverys of the Schemes formed/ for Supplying their Settlements wth/ Provisions from this Con:=tinent, by/ means of False Clearances, &ca./ In the perusal of these Letters/ will be seen to what a Height this/ pernicious & most Destructive Com:=merce/ had Arrived at, owing, in a great/mea:=sure to the Neglect, or Conniuance/ of the Custom house officers, at th/ Several Ports.-/ in Sr J: Amhersts of May 12: 1762/ No. 40.

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Copy.

Annapolis the 25th of April 1762.

Sir,

I now do Myself the Honour to Acknowledge my Receipt of the two Letters Your Excellency was pleased to favour me with the 2d & 7th of this Month, but am at the same time Sorry to be Under the Necessity of Informing You that the General Assembly of this Province broke up Yesterday without having granted any Supplies for the King's Service, or in any respect Whatever Com=plied with His Majesty's Requisitions communicated to me by the Letters I had, last February, the Honour to Receive from Your Excellency, & the Earl of Egremont. Having soon after they met passed a Vote for Levying, Cloathing and Paying during the Space of One Year 400 Provincials, and for Raising the Number of Recruits demand=ed as our Quota for the Regular Regiments on this Continent the Members of the Lower House, or Rather a Small Majority of them Resolved that in Order to Raise the Sum of Forty Five Thousand Pounds for those purposes, a Bill should be prepared, Similar to one Which had been before Refused Eight times by the Upper House, & such a Bill was Accordingly brought in about

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three Weeks afterwards, and having after a very warm Debate between the Members thereupon passed the Lower House Met with the same Fate in the Upper, Which as I have hinted had al=ready Attended it several times. Upon its being Returned with a Negative, a Motion was made in the Lower House for Appropriating the Sum of £15,000, that is already in the Treasury towards Raising & Supporting 300 Provincials & furnishing Our Quota of Recruits for the Regulars; but that was also after a long Debate over-ruled, as was also Another Motion Made a few days afterwards for Appropriating a Small Sum towards Raising the 84 Recruits Which they Might have Easily done, Since there is Actually more than £2000 remain=ing Unexpended of a Sum Which was Levied by Virtue of an Act made in 1756 for His Majestys Service, had they not been Absolutely Determined to grant no Money on any Account Whatever, Un=less by a Bill entirely of a New Nature, Which in the Opinion of the Upper House, & a great part of the People, and their Representatives, as well as in the Opinion of Lord Chief Justice Pratt is Calculated to Introduce Innovations & to Subvert our Constitution; Being long Since persuaded that Such was their Resolution, I took the Liberty to Communicate

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my Sentiments thereon to the Secretary of State, in hopes that Something would have been done in order to put an End to the Dispute between the two Houses; but as the Censure contained in the Earl of Egremont's last Letter is in pretty general Words, the Lower House presumed, or pretended to believe that it was not Levelled at them, and ad:hered to the Measures which had been before pur:sued; And I am Inclined to Believe that in such Measures they will persevere, Unless when they may be called on to grant Supplies, it shall be Signi:fied to them in What Manner they Must be Raised or Levied. Hoping Your Excellency will not doubt but I have Used my Utmost Endeavors to prevail on the Assembly to Act at this time a very different part, & Extremely Concerned at their Non Compliance with Your Excell^cys Requisitions, I beg leave to Repeat that I am, with the greatest Regard, / Sir, / &ca.

Hor^o. Sharpe

Sir Jeffery Amherst.

Endorsed Copy / Letter from Govr. Sharpe / to Sir Jeffery Amherst. Dated / Annapolis, 25th April 1762. / Acquainting the General that / the Assembly of Maryland had / broke up without having in any / Respect Whatever Com:plied with / His Majesty's Requisitions &ca. / in S^r. J: Amherst's of May 12: 1762 / No. 41.

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New York 15th June 1762.

My Lord

On the 9th instant the Halifax Packet arrived here, when I was honoured with the dupli=cate of your Lordship's Letter of 13th February and your Letter of 17th Aprill. I acknowledged the original of the first on the 12th May, and in answer to the last, I have the satisfaction to in=form your Lordship, that I have procured as much provision as will victual the four thousand Men, I send from hence, for six months. The Tents I have had made at Philadelphia, and are already delivered.

The first Division of Troops under the command of Colonel Burton sailed from hence on the 4th instant, but did not get to Sea 'till the 11th, which was the earliest I could get them out, notwithstanding every help was given that I could desire. The Intrepid before this ran aground at the Hook, but got off without any other dam=age than being obliged to Start her Water, which was replaced from hence.

I enclose your Lordship a list of the Troops as likewise of the Transports which are gone under Convoy of His Majesty's Ships Intrepid

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and Chesterfield.

The second Division will consist of the 58th Regiment, the Corps of Rangers comanded by Major Gorham, and a Detachment of the New York Pro=vincials to make up the four Thousand men which I shall send from hence, as soon as I possibly can, convoyed by the Enterprise Man of War and Lizard Frigate.

I wrote to Lord Albemarle and Sir George Pocock on the 4th June by Colonel Burton, Copies of which Letters I transmit to your Lordship.

On the 12th instant Major General Monckton arrived here in the Lizard, by whom I received a Letter from Lord Albemarle of the 5th May from Martinique, of which I also enclose your Lordship a Copy, and the only news I have had of Lord Albemarle since that time is a Report which, I believe, may be credited, that the Fleet was seen on the 20th May off Cape Nicolas.

General Monckton narrowly escaped being taken by two of the Enemys Ships in his passage here; the Lizard was within Gunshot of them, when she discovered one to be a Ship of two Decks and the other of smaller Force. the Lizard was obliged to let loose a Schooner with the Generals baggage, she had in tow, which fell into the Enemy's hands.

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I send your Lordship a Copy of a Letter I have received from Major General Gage, in regard to two french Contractors, to whom I have judged proper to give a passport to go to England. as General Gage's Letter will fully explain the cause of the Contractors going to England, I shall only say that it appears to me, they seem more to hope for an Allowance from the french Court, when they have tried every means they can to get paid, than that the Sentence, which Governor Gage con:=firmed, will be changed.

The Recruits from the Provinces come in but very slow indeed, but I shall do every thing I can to forward that Service, and I hope to com:=pleat the 58th Regiment which wants upwards of an hundred men, by the time they can set out from hence.

I have thought proper to encrease the Force at the Detroit, and to take Post at the Sault de St. Marie between Lakes Huron and Superior, and at Gamanestaguia on Lake Superior, to secure en:=tirely that Frontier

The Virginia Regiment I should have sent to Pittsburg, but that I thought it was better, it should remain at Fredericksburg in Virginia, to be the more at hand for any call.

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Governor Burton has left with me a State of the Government of trois Rivieres which I enclose to your Lordship, I have not yet received Governor Murray's Report or I should send it.

Every thing is well in Canada and in the several Posts. I enclose to your Lordship all such Papers, as I judge can tend to give you a full information of the State of things here and I dispatch with this the Harriot Packet, there being two here.

I have the honour to be with the utmost Respect.

My Lord
Your Lordships
Most Humble
and most Obedient Servant
Jeff: Amherst.

Rt. Honble. Earl of Egremont.

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Schedule of Papers Referr'd to, in Major General Sir Jeffery Amherst's Letter to The Right Hon.ble The Earl of Egremont, Dated New York 15th June 1762.

No.1 .... Copy./ Letter from Gov.r Dobbs to Sir Jeffery Amherst; Acquainting him of the Disrespectfull manner in which the King's Requisitions had been treated by the Assembly of North Carolina; they having absolutely Refused to Comply in any Degree towards Raising the Quotas of Men, Demanded for the Services of the Ensuing Campaign; but that he (the Gov.r) Intended to Advance a Sum of Money for Raising the Number of Recruits Required of that Province for the Regular Service, in hopes that the same would be Repaid him out of the Monies Granted by Parliament, to that Province for their Former Supplies .... 30th April 1762

No.2 .... Copy./ The General's Answer; Expressing his Concern as well as Surprize, at the Behavior of the Assembly of North Carolina, in not Complying with the Kings Requisitions; but Commending the Governor for his Intentions of Advancing a Sum of Money to Raise the Regular Recruits; And that

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so soon as he knew that any Progress was made in the Recruiting, he would Send an Officer to Receive them, &ca. . . . . . 1762 23d May

No. 3. . . . . Copy of Letter from Lt. Govr. Fauquier to Sir Jeffery Amherst; Acquainting him that he should take all possible Steps in his power for Raising the Recruits for the Regu=lars, but that there was hardly any progress made as yet, in that Service, tho' he hoped to procure some Recruits very soon. The Lt Governor Adds, that he had great Reason to hope, he should be able to Com=pleat the Provincial Regimt. to 1000 Ef=fective Men . . . . 14th May.

No. 4 . . . . Extract of The General's Answer; Acknow=ledging the Receipt of the foregoing; And he Flatters himself, from the Encouragments the Lt Govr. had given, the Recruiting for the Regulars would Succeed better than he Feared 23d May

No. 5 . . . . . Extract of Letter from Govr. Hamilton to Sir Jeffery Amherst; Acquainting the General, that the Second Efforts he had made to bring the Assembly of Pensylvania to a Complyance with His Majesty's Commands, for the Services of this Year, had been Attend=ed with no better Success than the Former,

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they having, for the Reasons set forth in their Message to him, Determined to make no Alterations in their first Resolutions .... 1762 23d May

No. 6 .... Copy. / Message from the Assembly of Pensylvania to Governor Hamilton - Enclosed in the Foregoing .... 14th May

No. 7 Extract. / The General's Answer to Govr. Hamilton; That he was Sorry to Find the Assembly of Pensylvania, persisted in Refusing to Comply with the King's Requisitions; but should Lay their Undutifull & Disobedient Conduct before His Majesty's Ministers ..... 27th May

No. 8 .... Copy. / Letter from Lt. Govr. Colden to Sir Jeffery Amherst; Acquainting him of a Private Message he had Received from the Assembly, wherein they gave it as their opinion that the Levies of the New York Troops were greatly Retarded, from an Ap-prehension that generally prevailed among the Men, that the 553, Ordered to Embark, were to be Sent to the West Indies, and to be Compelled to Enlist into the Regulars; And therefore Desiring Assurances to the Con-trary from the General; and that it would be agreable to know that those Men were to be Employed on the Continent only, &ca. . 20th May

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No 9 ..... Copy / The General's Answer; That he was Sorry any One should Entertain such an opinion of him, that he would Execute His Majesty's Commands so Ill, as to make Use of any Deceptions, in Requiring the Men Ordered on Service; He Refers the Lt Governor to his Letter of the 2d April, wherein he promised that the Provincial Troops should Return, so soon as the Service on which they were going, was Effected; but that their Destination must Remain a Secret at present, as he was not at Liberty to Divulge it, &ca .... 20th May 1762

No 10 ..... Copy / Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst to Govr Fitch; Acquainting him, that he sent Lieut Calder of the Royal Americans, to Receive & Review the Recruits, to be Raised in the Colony of Connecticutt; And Requesting the Governor to Do Every thing in his power for Forwarding that Service, &ca ...... 16th May

No 11 ... Copy / Letter from Govr Fitch to Sir Jeffery Amherst; That Notwithstanding the Encouragements given by the Assembly of Connecticutt to Raise Recruits for the Regular Corps, there was no appearance of any Success; And that he had therefore Desired

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Lieut: Calder to Return, to Acquaint the General with these Matters, &ca. . . . . 1762 29th May.

No. 12 . . . . Copy./. The General's Answer; That as the Furnishing the Quota of Recruits for the Regulars, was of the utmost Consequence to the Service, he must Rely on the Assembly's Fall=ing on Ways & Means to Raise them; And therefore Ordered Lieut. Calder to Return Im=mediately to Connecticutt, to Assist in For=warding that Service, agreable to his first Instructions; The General Adds, that, if the Men cannot be got, by the Encouragements already Offered, he Expects the Assembly will Enable the Governor to make Drafts from the Militia, a Method that can't fail of Compleating the Number Required; and which, he does not Doubt, will be practised by such of the Other Colonies, as cannot Raise their Quotas by Voluntary Enlistments . . . . 1st June.

No. 13 . . . . Copy./. Letter from Govr. Ward to Sir Jeffery Amherst; Acquainting him of his being Appointed Governor of the Colony of Rhode Island; And that, during his Administration, the General might be Assured his Utmost Influence should be Exerted for His Majesty's Service; He further Acquaints him that the

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Provincial Regt. was Compleat; And that the Assembly had Empowered the Colonel to Enlist the Company of Rhode Islanders Stationed at Fort Stanwix, as Recruits for the Regular Corps, &ca. . . . . 10th. May 1762

No. 14 . . . . . Copy / The General's Answer to Govr. Ward; That on Receipt of the Foregoing, he was just Dispatching a Regular Officer to Rhode Island, to Receive & Review the Recruits, to be Raised in that Colony for the Regular Corps; and Requests the Govr. will Use his utmost for Forwarding this Service; That he should be glad to Find that the Colonel Succeeded in Enlisting the Company now at Fort Stanwix; but that their Number came greatly Short of the Quota Demanded, &ca. . . . . 16th May

No. 15. . . . Copy / Letter from Govr. Wentworth to Sir Jeffery Amherst; That as the Recruiting for the Regular Service, seemed to meet with no Success in the Province of New-Hampshire, from the Encouragements already given, the Govr. Intended at their next Meeting, to move them to make a Draft of Two Men out of Every Company of Militia: And Adds, that if the Zeal of the Assembly

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for His Majesty's Service, was Equal to his, they would not hesitate to Comply with this Reasonable Measure, so absolutely necessary at this time . . . . 1762 21st. May

No. 16 . . . . Copy.) The General's Answer; Commending the Scheme, proposed by the Governor for Drafting two Men from Each Company of the Militia, to fill up the Regular Corps; And Trusts the Assembly, when they See there is no other Way of furnishing their Quota, will Enable him to put this Measure in Execution, &ca. . . . . 30th. May

No. 17 . . . . Copy.) Sir Jeffery Amherst's Circular Letter to the Governors on the Continent of North America, Desiring the Embargo may be taken off at the Several Ports, as the General Flattered himself no further Attempts would be made to Supply the Enemy with Provisions, &ca. . . . . 13th. June

No. 18 . . . . Copy.) Letter from Governor Gage to Sir Jeffery Amherst; Acquainting him that he had permitted two Frenchmen, who had been Employed by the French Intendant of Canada, to purchase Provisions for the French Troops at the Detroit, to go to New York, in order to pass to England,

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if Sir Jeffery thought proper to grant them a passport; and Containing the Reasons that Induced them to Request that Leave, &c. 15th May 1762

No. 19 ... Extract of Letter from Do ... to Do ... Which is to be Added to Governor Gage's Report of the State of the Government of Montreal ... 26th April

No. 20 .... Governor Burton's Report of the State of the Government of Trois Rivieres ....

No. 21 .... General Return of the Troops in the First Division, under the Command of Colonel Burton ....

No. 22 ... List of the Transports for the First Division ....

No. 23 ... Proportion of Artillery & Stores that can be taken from New York, if the Service requires it .... June 1762.

No. 24 ... Abstract of Officers & Men of the Royal Regt. of Artillery, who are at New York, and may be taken from thence, if the Service Requires it .... Do

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Copy. Duplicate.

New York, June 4th 1762.

My Lord,

Colonel Burton is Arrived here just in time, to take the Command of the Troops of the First Embarkation, which are ready at last, late as it is, to go from hence.

Your Lordship is already Informed, by the Secretary of State, of the Orders sent to me on the 13th January, which I received on the 1st April, and I Wish from my Heart, that it had been possible for me, to have Assembled the Numbers required, and to have had the Transports ready, Immediately on the Receipt of Lord Egremont's Letter: That you may be thoroughly Informed of the Steps I took on the Receipt of that Letter, I Enclose you an Extract of my Answer thereto, on the 6th April.—

On the 8th May, I received a Letter from the Earl of Egremont of the 13th February of which Your Lordship will certainly have had a Copy, so that I need only transmit you an Extract of my Letter of the 12th May, in Answer thereto, that I may Lay before you, in the clearest manner I can, all that has passed on this Subject.—

I am now to Acknowledge the Honour of

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Your Lordship's Letter of the 19th January, which I received on the 8th May. I Rejoyce that the Number of Troops you will have taken under your Command at Martinique, will have Exceeded what you might Expect when you Wrote to me, and Your Lordship may put great Dependance on that Body.—

These which I now Send you, are the only Troops I could Collect, & are mostly Pro:=vincials. I Have put them in the Best Order, that time would permit me to do; the 46th Reg^{t} & the Four New York Independent Companies, are of this Embarkation; the First is quite Compleat, and the New York Companies as nearly so, as I could make them.—

Anstruther's Regiment I Expect daily, and the greatest part of Gorham's Rangers are Arrived this Morning; These, with the New York Provincials which are not yet Compleated, will Form the Second Em:=barkation, and I shall do my Endeavors to get them hence, as soon as it can possibly be Effected.

Your Lordship will See by the Extracts of my Letter, that not a Man more can be taken from this Continent, with any degree of Prudence: To Con:=vince you of it, all Canada has now but 3827 Men, Officers Included, in it.—

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The 55th. Regiment Garrison Six Forts, Eleven Posts, and keep up a Communication of 400 Miles; And The 1st. Battn. Royal Americans, have an Immense Length of Communication to keep up, as they Garrison from the First post above Philadelphia to Michillimakinac, and both these Routes are through Countrys, of which a great part is Inhabited by Indians, who have always a Plot in Embryo, and Nothing but the Fear of Us, can hinder those Savages from Attempting to Execute their Designs, or keep them in any Degree of Subjection.—

As the Force on this Continent is so Circumstanced, I must Entirely Depend on You, My Lord, for Furnishing the Whole of the Troops, for the Attack of Louisiane, and that I may Receive them when, and where you think the most proper. There is Nothing left that can be Furnished from hence, but a Proportion of Artillery & Stores, of which I Enclose you a List, and I can take any such part thereof, as Your Lordship may think Necessary to be Added to what you can Spare. Col: Williamson Commands the Artillery, and Chuses to go with me; I shall likewise take a D: Adjutant General, and Lt. Colonels Eyre & Robertson, as Chief Engineer, and Deputy Qr. Mr. General.—

I Have therefore only to Add, that I am

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Ready at a moment's Warning; and I shall Wait Your Lordship's Commands, as you will best Determine the time, from the Success of the great & Important Operations you have on hand, which must also Decide the properest Place for my Receiving the Troops, to proceed to Louisiane, of which Your Lordship & Sir George Pococke will be the best Judges; And I must therefore Beg You will Fix it, that I may be Guided by your Determinations.—

Your Lordship will See that Eight Thousand Men, was the Number fixed on, for the Above Service; but you will know if any Large Reinforcements have been sent from France to Louisiane, and if they have not, I think that Service may be Executed with a Lesser Number.—

I am trying my utmost Endeavors, in getting from the Provinces, Recruits to Compleat the Regular Regiments, and I hope to Send some to the Corps Serving under your Command.—

I Enclose Your Lordship a List of the Troops as Embarked; they have six Months Provisions, Divided in the Transports, for the Number on Board Each; this Provision belongs to the Crown: They have also their Bedding Compleat, which I fear, will be of more Disservice than Use to them, & their Water for two Months.

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The Regulars are Supplied with Thirty Six Rounds of Ammunition, and the Provincials with Eighteen, which are packed up in Barrell, on Board Each Vessell, to Use, as occasion requires; They have besides 100 Rounds for the Regulars, and 52 for the Provincials, packed up in Boxes.

Captain Hale, with the Intrepid & Chester=field Men of War, Convoy the Transports with these Troops; and Captain Houlton of the Enterprize Man of War, with the Porcupine Sloop, Remains here to Convoy the 2d. Embarkation.—

I shall then Do Myself the Honour to Write to Your Lordship again; And as Colonel Burton is fully Informed of all Particulars regarding the Troops, I Beg Leave to Assure You that it will give me the utmost pleasure to hear of Your Success, and to have any Opportunity of Convincing you that I am, with the greatest Respect & Regard, / My Lord,

Your Lordship's

Most Humble & most / Obedient Servant.

Jeff: Amherst.

His Excellency
Rt. Honble. Earl of Albemarle.}

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New York, June 4th 1762.

Sir,

I Enclose to you a List of the Transports, with the Troops that are now going to Sail, under Convoy of His Majesty's Ships Intrepid & Chesterfield, as also a Copy of my Letter to Captain Hale Commanding His Majesty's Ships of War here, by which you will See, that the Enterprize Man of War & Porcupine Sloop, Remain here, to Convoy the 2d Embarkation, which I hope to Send off, in Eight or ten days.—

As His Majesty has been Pleased to Honour me with the Command of the Troops for the Attack on Louisiane, and that the time, as well as the Place where I may Receive the Troops, must Entire=ly Depend on the Success of the Operations, under the Command of You, & Lord Albemarle. I now Write accordingly to His Lordship, to Beg it may be Fixed by him & You, that I may be Guided thereby.—

There is an Officer, & Some French Prisoners, the Number under Twenty, who have Remained here a great While, without my having any opportunity of Sending them to England, As it is Improper to Send them in a Packet, if any Ship of War could conveniently call here in their way to England, I should be glad to Send away these Prisoners.—

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Whenever it may be Determined that I am to Joyn the Troops for the Attack of Louisiane, if it is not Inconvenient, I should be Obliged to You, for Sending a Frigate here, as it would be very unpleasant to be picked up by a Privateer in my Passage.

My Best Wishes Attend you for your Success; I shall be glad of Every Opportunity of Assuring you, I am, with the greatest Regard & Esteem,

Sir,

&c.

Jeff: Amherst.

His Excellency
Sir George Pocock.

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Sir,

Upon my Arrival at Barbados, the 20th of April, I was most agreeably Surprized with Letters from Major General Monckton, Acquainting me with Success at Martinique. His Loss was so Inconsiderable, and his Troops so healthy, that I Flattered Myself with the Assistance of a very Considerable Force from him. I Arrived here on the 26th of last Month, and have been constantly Employed since that time in the Embarking of the Troops, and preparing of them to proceed to my next Destination; Upon my Arrival here I found the Troops very Sickly, many Dead, & the Sick List Encreasing dayly, chiefly owing to the Bad Rum they got on Shore, a Sure proof that Diabolical Liquor is the Cause of all our Sickness, is, that the Soldiers were very Healthy, when Employed, & could not come at it, and that the Four Regiments I brought with me from England, are Remarkably Healthy on Board, as great Care is taken to keep Rum from them. I Found the Troops wanting all Sorts of Camp Equipage, & in General Complaining of the Badness of their Arms; the Regiments are so very Incompleat, that they have Chosen the best of their Arms for the Soldiers able to carry them, and I am in hopes I shall be able

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to Assist them with Camp Equipage from the Troops left here, as I brought a Compleat New Set out with me for them. I Came out from England very well provided with Victuallers; I hope you will Assist me as much as you can, & Such as I Do not Want, shall be sent back to You, with your 4000 Troops. Money I have None, nor do I know where to get any as I shall not Stop at Jamaica; The Troops I brought out with me are paid to the 24th of May; the Troops I receive from M. G. Monckton to the 24th of February only; I have been Obliged, out of my small Stock, to Lend him £10000, to pay his Troops upon Account; As the N. American Troops, are most of them, if not all to be Returned to You, You may very likely think of Sending some Money for them, by some safe Con:=veyance; We hope to Sail tomorrow, & to Reach St Nicolas, in Seven or Eight days, where We Ex:=pect to meet Sr James Douglass, with the Jamaica Fleet, 17 Sail of the Line, the Alarms they have been in there, has put our Fleet in great Confusion, by Adml Rodney's Detaching the Ships Destined for Sir George Pocock's Squadron; I Hope the French are not Joyned by any Number of Spaniards at Cape François; If they should be, they may Easily put a Stop to Our Expedition, Our Naval Force consisting

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only of Nine Ships of the Line, & a Few Frigates, and We know that the French have Seven of the Line, and Three Frigates at the Cape - The Force that Sailed from Brest with Monsr. de Blenac, Commanding the Naval part, with Monsr. de Belsance, made Lieut General upon the Occasion; Monsr. de St. Croix, who Commanded at Belisle & 2500 Sol=diers on Board. Monsr. de St. Croix, with part of the Troops, were Destined for Martinique; Monsr. de Belsance's first Destination was the Cape, where he is now with the 2500, & the Troops the French have been Sending there for some time past; 1200 Arrived there, as Adml. Rodney Informs me, the latter End of Janry. or the beginning of February, They Sailed from France in December, without Con=voy. Captain Arbuthnot took some French Troops in his Way to Barbados, destined for the Louisiane, with Monsr. De Joumilliac, Brigr. & Commander in Chief on Board; he told me, that he had Sent you all the particulars he could Learn about them; I believe most of Monsr. de Jumilliac's Forces are taken; they Sailed from Bourdeaux, the beginning of March, without Convoy, were Separated at Sea, & I believe are most of them taken; it appears very clear to me, that the French mean to Establish themselves in the Louisiane, and I should rather

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think, that Mons.r de Belzance is to Command there, and will as soon as We are passed the Cape, Move some of his Troops there: I had some Conversation with Mons.r de Jumilliac at Barbados, & upon receiv=ing of some Little Civility from me, he had the Modesty to make me the inclosed Request; By that & his Conversation, I very plainly Saw his Eagerness to be sent to the Louisiane; and from thence am the more & more Confirmed in my Opinion, that the French mean to Establish themselves there in Force. My Instructions are to Send You back the 4000 Men I receive from you Compleat; to Correspond & Concert Measures with you, for the Good of Our Respective Commands; and to Inform you what Number of Troops I shall be able to Spare, after the great Object of my Instructions, shall have been Decided. I Desired the Secretary of State, & His Lordship promised me to Write to You, Desiring you to Inform me, what Force you wanted from me, besides the 4000 Men, that are Immediately to be Returned to You, & that I would, in Consequence of that Informa=tion from You, Send you the Whole, or as much of the Force you require from Me, as my Situation at the time it is necessary to Send that Force to You, will Allow of, Consistent with His Majesty's Instruc=tions. This Letter Major General Monckton is so good

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as to Charge himself with. I Will profit of Every Occasion that Offers of Writing to you, Especialy if I can get any Intelligence that I think worth Informing you of, and that I have an opportunity of Conveying with any Certainty to you: I Hope I shall be able to Land about 6000 Men; I Wish the Number was more Considerable; I Believe they are as good Troops as any in the World; those from North America have very lately proved them=selves so, and I have not the least doubt but the Four Regts: from England will Distinguish themselves the first Occasion that Offers.

I Have the Honor to be, Sir, with great Respect & Esteem, / Your Excellency's

Most Obedient

Humble Servant

Albemarle.

PS. I Have just learnt from M. G. Monckton, that you are preparing with all Expedition, to Dispatch the Number of Troops you are Directed to Send me: I Wish they may Arrive in time.—

Namur, Cas de Navires à la Martinique,

May 5th. 1762

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Wilmington, 30th April 1762.

Sir,

It is with the greatest Concern I must In:=form you that our Assembly was over Yesterday by a Dissolution from their Obstinacy, in refusing to give any Aid to His Majesty, upon the Strenuous & Ur:=gent Letters from Lord Egremont & Your Exc=-cellency, by His Majesty's Commands, not even Agree=ing to Raise the Recruits required for to Compleat the Regulars — In order therefore to Shew the Efforts I made upon their Refusal, by two short prorogations, to Allow them time to Reconsider & Comply with His Majesty's Commands, I have En:=closed to Lord Egremont, which I have left open for your Perusal, & then to Send them by the Packet to His Lordship, all my Speeches, the Ad:=dresses and Answers, & only Resolution they would come into, to Grant a pitifull Number of Troops to Garrison our Two Forts on the Sea Coast, with such Limitation & Scanty Allowance to Raise & Subsist them, as must Render them of no Use; as the Reasons for my Dissolving the Assembly will be Ap:=parent to you from the Enclosed Papers, I shall only Add that I this day Called a Council upon it, & by their Advice shall Add to the Men &

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Officers, so as to make up a Company of 65 Men, Including Non Commission Officers, 40 for Fort Johnson, on this River, where We have a Magazine, & 30 Guns, 18 & 12 pounders besides Swivels, and the other 25 for Fort Granville. I Have also out of my own Money Advanced a Sufficient Sum to Raise the 134 Recruits Demanded as the Quota of this Province, and have Sent off Major Baillie to Raise them, who is both Liked by the Men he Commanded before, & Expect he will have them Compleated in 6 Weeks, at the furthest, & have them here ready for Embarkation, when you send an Officer to Receive them; I Have also given all Pos:=sible Encouragement to Major Rogers to Raise his Recruits in this Province, as South Carolina has but few Men to Enlist.—

I Have to Answer these purposes, taken upon me to Draw Bills upon our Agents in London, who have the Money Granted to this Province in Com:=pensation for our Former Supplies, altho' both Council & Assembly should have Empowered me to Draw for the Money, and as it is so manifestly for His Ma:=jesty's Service, and the Safety of this, and all the American Colonies, I Don't doubt of my Bills being Accepted and paid; In Case they should not, I hope for Your Excellency's Approbation in what I

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have done, and Representing it to Lord Egremont, to whom also I shall Write upon it, with the Enclos=-ed Papers.–

I am greatly Concerned that I could do no more for His Majesty's Service, and the good of the Common Cause of Religion & Liberty; but as Providence is so remarkably in our favour, I make no doubt but all will be Accomplished with=-out our Mite thrown into the Scale.–

I am, with due Regard,

Sir, / &ca.

Arthur Dobbs.

His Excellency Sir Jeffery Amherst.

Endorsed Copy / Letter from Govr. Dobbs / to Sir Jeffery Amherst. / Dated Wilmington, 30th April 1762. / Ac=-quainting him of the Disrespectfull manner in which the Kings/ Requisitions had been treated by / the Assembly of North Carolina:/ they having absolutely Re=-fused to / Comply in any degree towards Raising / the Quotas of Men demanded for the / Services of the En=-suing Campaign; but that, he (the Govr.) Intended to Ad=-vance a Sum / of Money for Raising the Number of / Recruits required of that Province, for the / Regular Service, in hopes that the Same / would be Repaid him out of the Monies / granted by Parliament to that Province / for their former Supplies.– / in Sr. J: Amherst's of June 15: 1762 / No. 1.

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Wms.burgh May 14th: 1762.

Sir,

I Have received your Favor, by the Hands of Lieut: Campbell, with whom I have Discoursed freely on the Subject of his Business here. I am Sorry to Inform Your Excellency, that there are hardly any Recruits ready for him yet, but by an Advertizement I shall put into the Gazette of this Evening, I hope to be able to procure some soon. In the mean time, as the Service cannot be at all Impeded by it, I have with Mr. Campbell's Consent, made use of the Ranger as an Advice Boat, by which I could give you more speedy Intelligence of our Affairs than by any other means. The Transport you propose to follow this, will be here in all probability before any Men can be brought down from the Back Country, the Nursery of our Recruits, to be Embarked on Board her, I shall take all possible Steps in my power to get the Recruits for the Regulars: As for our Regiment, from the present Reports, I have Reason to hope, I shall Complete it to 1000 Effective Men.

I am, with the greatest Esteem, / Sir, / &ca.

His Excelly.
Sir Jeffery Amherst }

Fran: Fauquier

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Philad.a May 23d. 1762.

"The Assembly Broke up on the 15th. Instant, without doing any thing in Compliance with the Kings Requisitions: and have, as I Expected, Endeavored to Lay the Blame upon me; as by the Enclosed Message will Appear.-

"I can truly Say Nothing ever gave me more Concern, than the being obliged to Refuse the Aids lately offered to the Crown by this Province, however disproportionate they were, to what the King Expected and Required of Us- But as I have frequently Troubled you with my Reasons for Rejecting that Bill, I shall not now Repeat them; And only Acquaint Your Excellency that I have Endeavored as far as in me Lies, to put the Conduct of the Assembly & Myself, relative to that matter, in a train of being heard and Examined by His Majesty's Ministers, who I Doubt not will Censure, or Approve Us, as We shall Appear to Merit."

James Hamilton

His Excellency Sir Jeffery Amherst.

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A Message from the Assembly of Pensylvania to Governor Hamilton.—

May it please Your Honour.

On our first meeting at this inconvenient Season of the Year, we immediately took into Our Consideration Your Message of the third Instant And with the utmost Dispatch have presented to Your Honour a Bill for granting to His Majesty the Sum of Twenty three thousand five Hundred pounds for the protection of the City of Philadelphia and other purposes for His Majestys Service.

As to one of the requisitions of the 12th of December last laid before our House at their last Sitting and again repeated in Your present Message Give us leave to remind Your Honour, that we at that time presented You with a Bill for that purpose, to which you were pleased to refuse Your Assent. The Answer to the Reasons offered in Your Message for refusing to pass that Bill are Contained in the report of Our Committee Approved of by the House, with a Copy of which we Shall furnish You.

To which we beg leave to add that had Your Honour Accepted the aids offered, the Men probably might then have been raised and his

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Majesty's Service received the benefit intended from them Since which Such as were then likely to Enlist have Engaged in Contracts for the Season and the Province has been so drained of Men by the Recruiting parties of the Crown And neigh-boring Governments, that we now Apprehend, Should we grant the Aids required, there would be no possibility, of raising the Men.

And as to the requisition relating to recruit-ing his Majestys regular Corps we find no reason to alter our Sentiments thereon, Communicated to Your Honour in Our Message of the 17th of March last, to Which we beg leave to refer

Signed by order of the House
Isaac Norris, Speaker.

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New York, 20th May 1762

Sir,

I Have just now your Letter, Acquainting me of your having Received a Private Message from the Assembly, wherein they Inform you, that the Obstructions to the Enlistments Arise from an Apprehension which generally prevails among the Men, that the 553 Men to be Embarked of the Provincial Troops in the Pay of this Province, are to be Sent to the West Indies, and to be Compelled to Enlist with the Regulars; And therefore Desiring Assurances from me, that the Provincial Troops in the Pay of this Province are to be Employed on the Continent of North America only, and that they shall be Returned to the Province as soon as the Service is over, without being Compelled into the Regular Troops.

With regard to the Apprehension of Compelling the Men to Enlist into the Regular Service, I Need only Refer you to my Letter of the 2d April, wherein I Requested the Quota Intended for the Expedition; And I should be Sorry any One should Entertain such an Opinion of me, that I would Execute His Majesty's Commands so Ill, as to make use of any Deceptions, in requiring the Men Ordered on Service: Their Destination must Remain a Secret,

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for the present, as I am not at Liberty to Di=
=vulge it; but by my forementioned Letter, You
will See that the Provincial Troops are to Return,
so soon as the Service on which they are going
is Effected.-

The Remainder of your Province Troops, are
Ordered to Albany, and from thence to Oswego, where
they will be Employed as last Year, unless other
Services call them from thence; and when the Cam:
=paign is over, they will, of Course, be sent back
to their Homes, if His Majesty's Service does not
Require that I should make any further Re:
=quisition from the Province, which, it is Impossible
for me, at this time, to Determine,

I Can't help Expressing my Concern, to
find, that there are only 377 Men of the
New York Detachment as yet Embarked, so
that there is still wanting to Compleat 176
Men; Altho' both the Rhode Island & Jersey
Detachments are Compleat, & on board, & that
I am Informed the Quota Demanded from Con:
=necticutt is also Embarked, and I Expect
them here hourly; I Have Spoke to Colonel
Thodey to Forward this Service; but I
must Request you will Repeat your Orders
for Compleating the Detachment, without Delay.

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I am, with great Regard,

Sir,

&c.

Jeff: Amherst.

The Honble
Lt Govr Colden.

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New York, 16th May 1762.

Sir,

As I Flatter Myself there is, by this time, some progress made in the Recruiting for the Regular Corps, I send Lieut: Calder of the Royal Americans to Receive & Review the Recruits, with Directions to Send them Round to this place, in Sloops, by the first opportunitys, under the Care of such Officers as you keep for the Recruiting Service, who shall afterwards Joyn their Regiments.

Lieut: Calder is furnished with Money to Pay the Rewards & Bountys promised to the Officers & Men; but as I am Sure it will be better for the Latter not to receive their further Bounty untill they Arrive here; and that it will likewise prevent Desertion, I am hopefull they will Agree thereto; And I have only to Request you will be pleased to Forward this Service as much as in your power, and that you will give Directions for Exchanging such Men as Lieut: Calder may Reject, with those that are fit for the Service.—

I am, with great Regard, Sir, / &ca

Jeff: Amherst.

The Hon.ble Gov.r Fitch—

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Hartford 29th May 1762

Sir

I have received your Letter of the 16th by Lt Calder Sent to Muster and Pay the Men Inlisted into the Regular Service, and Should have been Extreamly glad, had I been Able to have furnished him with a proper Number for that Service, But am under the disagreable necessity of acquainting You, that I have received no Accounts of any Inlistments for that Purpose. I desired Lt Calder to tarry a few days 'till I could lay the Matter before the Assembly, who being Informed of the unsuccessfull attempts hitherto made, and desirous to do all on their Part for promoting this Important Service, have Voted to give Forty Shillings in addition to the five pounds before granted to Each Man who Shall Inlist therein. Very soon after the former Encouragement was Voted, which I acquainted You with, I made out a Proclamation to acquaint the People with the Several Encouragements given, and to Urge and Induce them to Inlist, I also made out Beating Orders, with Instructions, And made Offers both to the Officers Appointed to Inlist Provincials, and to Any other proper Persons to Undertake, but one only Appeared who accepted

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the Orders: I therefore Sent them into different parts of the Colony, and Lodged them with Some principal Gentlemen to be given out to any Suitable persons that would Undertake the Service, Who, tho' they published, that they had Such orders left with them And Endeavoured to find Undertakers, Yet no more than two Setts of them have been taken, one of Which I delivered myself.

The Provincial officers (I am Informed) de=clined, Least it Should prevent their Inlisting their Quota of provincials, and one who took the orders Informed me in particular, that as soon as he let people know he had Such Orders, Men Appeared Shy of him, so that he could not get a Man: Those Men who are fit for Soldiers Seem in General to decline Entring into the Regular Service, and for that reason there Appears so little prospect of Success, that Officers are not disposed to Undertake, least they Should be forced to Spend their time and money for nothing. I purpose however to Continue my Ut=most Endeavours to Encourage the thing 'till the 15th of August to which time the Bounty is limited, Unless otherwise Advised by Your Excellency, And if You shall think proper to Send Some Regular Of=ficers, or to Encourage any among Us with the prospect of a Commission in case they Inlist a certain

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Number I Shall do all with me to Assist therein; Probably the Latter may be the most likely to be attended with Success, tho Uncertain what. I have upon the whole advised Lt Calder to re=turn, that You may be acquainted with these Matters; And if he, or any other by Your Order Shall be sent to make Trial, it will be agreable to me, as I Shall do all in my power to pro=mote it.

I am Sir with great Esteem and Regard
Your most Obedient and most humble Servant
Thos Fitch

His Excellency Sir Jeff: Amherst.

Endorsed Copy./. Duplicate /./ Letter from Governor Fitch to/ Sir Jeffery Amherst, / Dated Hartford, 29th May 1762. / That Notwithstanding the Encouragements given by the Assembly of / Connecticutt to Raise Recruits for / the Regular Corps, there was no / appearance of any Success; And that / he had therefore Desired Lt Calder / to Return, to Ac=quaint the General / with these Matters, &ca/ in Sr J: Amhersts of June 15: 1762/ No. 11.

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New York, 1st June 1762.

Sir,

Lieut. Calder Arrived here this morning, and Delivered me your Letter of the 29th Ultimo.

I am Obliged to you for your Endeavors in forwarding Colonel Lyman's* Regiment; but I am Sorry to Say, that they have not only come very late, but that the Companys are so Incomplete, as to want 170 of the Whole Quota required: You may be Assured that the Men shall meet with Every Indulgence the Service will permit, agreable to my first promise—

As the Furnishing the Recruits Demanded of your Colony for the Regular Corps, is of the utmost Consequence to the Service, I must Rely on your Assembly falling on proper Ways & Means for Raising the Men; And therefore I Order Lieut. Calder to Return Immediately to Hartford, to Assist in forwarding this Service, and to Receive the Recruits agreable to his first Instructions: If the Men cannot be had, by the Encouragements already offered, I must Desire you will be pleased to Move Your Assembly to Enable you to make Drafts from the Militia, which, from the Assurances you give me of their being Desirous of doing Every thing on

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their part for promoting this Important Service, I can have no doubt but they will readily do; And I am persuaded, the same Method will be pursued by any of the Other Provinces that can=not Raise their Quotas by Voluntary Enlistments. It is not in my power to Send you Regular Of=ficers to Recruit, as I have None but what are otherwise Employed: As You Acquainted me long ago that the Companys of Provincials were nearly full, I am Surprized the Officers should Decline Entering upon the Recruiting for the Regular Corps, for fear of not being able to fill up their own Com=panys; Any of your Provincial Officers that Raise a Number of good Recruits, and that are fit for the Regular Service, I shall very gladly provide for, when any opportunity Offers.—

I am, with great Regard,

Sir,

(seal)

Jeff: Amherst.

Honble Govr. Fitch—

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New York, 16th May 1762

Sir

As I flatter myself there is by this time, Some progress made in the Recruiting for the Regular Corps, I Send Lieut: Newland of Gage's Regiment, to receive And review the Recruits, with Directions to Send them round to this place, in Sloops, by the first Opportunities, under the Care of Such Officers as You Keep for the Recruiting Service, who Shall afterwards Joyn their Regiment.

Lieut: Newland is furnished with Money to pay the rewards and Bounties promised to the Officers And Men; But as I am Sure it will be better for the Latter not to receive their further Bounty, Untill they Arrive here, And that it will Likewise prevent Desertion, I am hopefull they will Agree thereto; And I have only to request You will be pleased to forward this Service as much as in Your Power, and that You will give Directions for Ex=changing Such Men as Lieut: Newland may reject, with those that are fit for the Service.

The last part of the Detachment of Rhode Islanders Intended for Immediate Service, arrived here a few days ago, And they have only lost one Man, Since they Came; But in the first Detachment Under

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Lieut: Colonel Hargill, there were a good many Boys, hardly able to Carry Arms.

I had wrote thus far Intending it for Governor Hopkins, when I received Your Letter of the 10th May, Informing me of Your being Appointed Governor of the Colony of Rhode Island on which I beg leave to Congratulate You.

I am Extremely glad to hear that the pro=vincial Regiment is full, and I beg no time may be lost in Ordering them to Albany: You will how=ever please to Keep Such Officers as You think proper for recruiting the Men for the Regular Corps, who Shall, as I have already observed, Joyn their Companies hereafter.

I Shall be very glad to find that Colonel Whiting Succeeds in Enlisting the Company now at Fort Stanwix for the Regu=lar Service; But their Number Comes greatly Short of the Quota Demanded, And by the reports I have had from the Commanding Of=ficer, Several of them have already Deserted, and the rest on pretence of their time of Service being Expired, are so Mutinous, that the Commanding Officer is Obliged to keep them within the Fort; But I hope the Orders You will have Sent by Colonel Whiting

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will have Entirely Satisfied them.

I am with great regard

Sir,

&ca.

Jeff: Amherst.

The Hon.ble

Governor Ward, Rhode Island

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New York, 13th June 1762.

Sir,

As I have Received Advice of a Quantity of Provisions coming out from England, which I hope will Arrive safe, and that I have nearly Compleated the Tonnage of Vessells which I want for the Transport Service, I take the Earliest opportunity of Acquainting you that I Intend, for the Convenience of the Merchants on this Continent, to Free the Several Ports from the Restrictions that have been Laid, in Consequence of my Request, to prevent the Exportation of Provisions; And I trust that No more Attempts will be made to Supply the Enemy, or Carry on the Illicit Trade, that has been so lately Detected.—

You will therefore be pleased to give the Necessary Directions for taking off the Embargo that has been Laid in Your Province, And I Flatter Myself, I shall have no further Reason to Apply to you

Allowing such Vessells as may take in Provisions in your Province to be Cleared out as formerly;

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any Restrictions to be put on the Ports.

on the Subject which Occasioned me, to Desire that Measure to be put in Execution.—

I am, with great Regard,

Sir,

&ca

Jeff: Amherst.

N.B. The Foregoing Letter to the Govrs of Pensylvania; New Jersey; Connecticutt; Rhode Island & Massachusetts Bay;— And to the following, with the Alterations as ⅌ Margin, Vizt New York; Newhampshire; Maryland; Virginia; North Carolina; & South Carolina—

Endorsed Copy/ Duplicate/ Sir Jeffery Amherst's/ Circular Letter to the Governors/ on the Continent of North America;/ Dated New York, 13th June 1762./ Desiring the Embargo may be taken/ off at the Several Ports, as the/ General Flattered himself no/ further Attempts would be made to/ Supply the Enemy with Provisions,/ &ca—/ in Sr J. Amherst's of June 15: 1762/ No. 17.

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Montreal May 18th 1762.

Dear Sir,

The Bearers Mess.rs Portier & Benac were Employed by the French Intendant of Canada, to purchase Provisions at the Detroit, for the Use of the French Troop's; They gave Receipts for this, payable at Montreal; These Receipts having been sent down from Detroit, since the Capitulation, the People refused Accepting of Ordinance, & Demanded Money; The Bearers said, they could only pay in such Money as they Received from the Intendant, and which he Obliged them to Accept: A Suit Commenced on this, and the Bearers were Cast by the Militia Court; From a General Rule that all Payments must be made in Current Money, and the Paper was no longer; The Sentence of the Militia was Confirmed, & they Unable to pay; They now Demand, as British Subjects, the Priviledge of Appeal to the King & Council; On that Account I Grant them a Pass to York, with this Letter to you, that if you Judge proper, they may be pro:=vided with your passport, and Order to be Trans:=ported to England, in the Packet Boat -

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Their Fortune in this Country remains in De-
-posit, and I have Warned them against Letters,
which they seem Determined not to Carry unless Unsealed.

I am, with great Esteem & Regard

Dear Sir,

&ca

Thos. Gage

His Excell'y Sir Jeffery Amherst.

Endorsed Copy./. Duplicate./. / Letter from Governor Gage to / Sir Jeffery Amherst / Dated Montreal, 18th May 1762 / Acquainting him that he had permitted two French Men, / who had been Employed / by the French Intendant of Canada, / to purchase Provisions for the French / Troops at the Detroit, to go to New York, / in order to pass to England, if Sir / Jeffery thought proper to Grant / them a Passport; And Containing the / Reasons that Induced them to / Request that Leave, &ca / in Sr. J. Amherst's of June 15: 1762 / No. 18.

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Extract of a Letter from Governor Gage to Sir Jeffery Amherst, Dated Montreal 26th April 1762; And is to be Added to his Report of the State of that Government.–

"In my Letter to You of the 20th of March, in Answer to Lord Egremonts; In that part of it wherein I mentioned the Paper Money, I Omitted to Inform you, that no Bills of Exchange had been Drawn since 1759, so that all the Paper Money Issued since that time not having been Called in by the Intendant, still Remains so much Waste paper in the Hands of the People, for which no Bills of Exchange have been Drawn on the Treasury in France; The Intendant was Guilty of the most Base Artifices, and manifest Fraud, to Cheat the Canadians in this particular that I have ever Heard of.–"

Endorsed Extract / Duplicate / / Letter from Governor Gage / to Sir Jeffery Amherst; / which is to be Added to the / Governor's Report of the State / of the Government of Montreal. / Dated Montreal 26th April 1762 / in Sr J. Amherst's of June 15: 1762 / No. 19.

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The Government of Trois Rivieres lyes upon the River St. Lawrence, between the two Governments of Quebec, and Montreal.—

(Length.) It Extends about Eighty Miles along the Shore of that River, Which in its Course Divides it into two Departments, the North beginning a little above a place Called Les Grondines, Which Divides it from the Government of Quebec, & goes up as far as the River Chicot, Where it Ends; And the South Department beginning between St. Jean, & St. Pierre les Bequets, Ending with the Upper part of Yamasca Bay.—

(Breadth) It Runs to the Southward as far as Nova Scotia, Newhampshire, & the Massachusetts, to Which Countries Several Rivers of this Government Afford a Short passage, Especially those of Nicolette, & Biencœur, Which run up within five or Six Miles of the Source of Kennebeck River, and that of St. François, Navigable for Canoes to the portage, Which is Six Miles over, You then Enter a branch of the Connecticutt River. To the Northward, this Government Stretches thro' an Immense Tract of Country, as far as Hudson's Bay; and the Same Nations that Trade with the Company Settled there, Used formerly to bring

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their Furrs into this Government thro' the Rivers of St. Maurice, & Batiscan.—

Notwithstanding the Factory Settled at Hudson's Bay, And the Posts at Tadousac & Chicontimi up the Saguenay, the Easy Navigation of those Rivers especially that of Batiscan, Induces Several of the Indians, Called <u>Têtes de Boulle</u> to Come down even now to this Government every Spring.—

State of the Country

All the Lands in this Government, as well as thro' all Canada, are Divided into Seigneuries, & Mannors, granted by the Crown of France to different People, upon certain Conditions, Such as Settling them within a limitted time, paying Hommage at Every Change of Seigneur, & part of the Purchase in case of Sale, as also Reserving to the Crown the right of Cutting Timber for building of Ships, or Erecting Fortifications. The Seigneurs are likewise Obliged by the Said Grants to Report to the Governor Whatever Mines May be Discovered in their respective Seigneuries, as all Mines found in Canada are the King's property. In general these Seigneuries run Four or Six Miles in front; And Six or Nine deep from the Banks of the River St. Lawrence, so that Many Lands are Yet in the hands of the Crown, on the back of those

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that are granted. The Seigneurs had by their Original Grants the power of Naming Judges & Administring Justice, even in Capital Cases, thro' their Districts; but Custom has Abolished those too great Priviledges, tho' the powers for it are yet extant, in the hands of the Seigneurs; However all Suits are now Carried before the proper Tribunals Named & Established by the Crown.

The Habitations are for the most part Settled along the Banks of the River St. Lawrence, or up the Rivers & Rivulets that fall into it, and are Seldom Carried up higher than five or Six Miles. There are in this Government Eighteen Parishes, viz.t

North Shore	South Shore
St. Anne,	St. Pierre Bequets.
St. Marie,	Gentilly.
Rivre. Batiscan,	Beencour
Côte Batiscan,	Nicolette
Champlain,	Bay St. Antoine
Cape Magdelaine,	St. Francois.
Trois Rivieres,	Yamasca.
Point du Lac,	
Machiche,	
Rivre. du Lup,	
Maskinongé	

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These Seven last Parishes, vizt Du Lac, Machiche, Rivre du Loup, and Maskinongé on the North Shore; Nicolette; Bay St. Antoine, St. François, & Yamasca on the South are Settled round Lake St. Pierre, Which is formed by the Spreading of the Water of River St. Lawrence, the Bottom Muddy, the Water Shallow, One & twenty Miles in Length, & about ten in Breadth; the Channel is not above thirteen feet deep, but the bottom of So Soft a Mud that a Vessell drawing Fourteen feet may plough through it. it Abounds with Many Sorts of Excellent Fish.

The Town of Trois Rivieres Which is the Capital, lays in the Center of this Government, as also at an Equal Distance from Quebec & Montreal; it is built upon the North Shore of the River St. Laurence, and Consists of about One Hundred Houses, a Parochial Church, a Convent of Ursuline Nuns, & Another of Recollet Priests.

State of the Fortifications

There was no Other Fortification in this Town, than the Governor's House, Which is Stockaded round, and Com:mands by its Situation the Town & Country about it, Untill the Siege of Quebec in 1759, When they Erected Batteries in Several parts of the Town, made an Irregular Intrenchment on that Side of it Which

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looks towards the River St. Lawrence; And threw up Lines flanked with two Redoubts, in the Com=mon that lyes to the Westward towards Montreal.-

State of Defence. This Place is at present in no State of Defence, the French having neglected from their Imaginary Security, to pay the least Attention to Fortifying it, & Suffered the Inhabitants to build their Houses upon the low Ground near the Common, Which is liable to be Overflowed Every Spring, rather than take Advantage of the high Situation upon Which part of the Town is built, Whereas they Might have Secured to them=selves at a very little Expence, Safe & Convenient Magazines for Stores & Provisions, Which the Equal Distance from Quebec & Montreal, & the proximity of the Iron Mines, & Forges that lay behind this Town Seemed to have pointed out.-

Products of the Soil. The Laziness of the People, & the alluring & Momentary Advan=tages they reaped from their Traf=fick with the Indians in the Upper Countrys, & the Counterband Trade they Carried on with the English Colonies, have hitherto prevented the progress of Husbandry, so that out of very near One Hundred Thousand Acres of Land, granted by the Seigneurs of the different Parishes, there are not

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Sixteen Thousand Under Cultivation, Whereof hardly Five Thousand have been Employed for Sowing of Wheat; Which for Many Years past have not been Sufficient for Supplying the Inhabitants of this Governm^t. with Bread; And has Obliged them to procure Yearly from the Governments of Montreal, or Quebec, Several Thousand Bushells of Wheat, in Exchange for Fish, Oats, & Tobacco. The Soil tho' light & Sandy in Some Parishes pro=duces in general, good Crops of Wheat, Oats, Pease, & all Sorts of Vegetables; tho' the Lands are not Near So well Cultivated as they Might be, Fruit trees, Such as Apples, Pears, & Plumbs have been often planted in this Government, but don't thrive. — The Inhabitants attribute it to a Stratum of Marle that lyes within a foot, or fourteen Inches from the Sur=face, Which Occasions the Tree to Decay, as Soon as the Root touches it. — In the Sandy parts of this Government, Musk & Water Melons are produced in great Abundance, good of their kind, and with very little trouble. The difficulty for Some Years past of procuring Tobacco, from the English Colonies, has Encouraged the Inhabitants of this Government to Cultivate it, by Which Means Many of their Corn Fields have been turned to that Use, and those Lands greatly Impoverished —

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State of the Revenue of this Government

This Government has hitherto brought nothing into the French King's Coffers. There was formerly a Regular Office for buying of Beaver Settled at Trois Rivieres, in the Same Manner, and with the Same priviledges & Restrictions as those of Montreal, and Quebec. But the Advantage Which the Inhabitants found in Carrying their Packs to either of the above Mentioned Towns, Where they could Supply themselves with What Goods they wanted, Encouraged them to Venture, disobeying the Orders given to the Contrary, and of Course rendered the produce of that Office so triffling, that after Some Years it was joined to that of Quebec.

The only Branch of the Revenue remain=ing in this Government, is the Kings Dues and Rights, Amounting to a twelfth part of the Price in case of Sale or Exchange of Such Lands, or Houses, as lye upon his Demesnes; As also a fifth part of the Price of Sale, or Exchange of all Seigneuries & Mannors, as being Lord Paramount of all the Lands & Estates in Canada, Of Which Dues a third part was always remitted, thro' the King's pleasure. The produce of Which Branch has likewise failed from the want of a Commissary in this Government to Inspect, and look into it. —

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N. B. There was only One Person called Receiver General of the Kings Demesnes in this Colony, Who Resided at Quebec; from the distance, & the Want of a Deputy in this Government, the Inhabitants had all the Opportunitys they could wish, to Sink the King's Dues —

Former Management Rejected all but One Article..

Indeed no part of the Former Man=agement Seems Worthy of Adoption, but that of the King's Rights and Priviledges, as Every Other Branch of the Ancient Administration, has been the Most powerfull Means of Stopping the progress of this Colony.

Expences of this Government.

The Expences of this Government can=not be easily Calculated, as the most Material Branch depended upon the probity of the Governors, Intendant, and keeper of the King's Stores, as also the Variable Circumstances of More or less Indians being Employ=ed or Visiting this Government; for Which purpose there was at Trois Rivieres a Considerable Maga=zine of Provisions, & Dry Goods of all Sorts, Wholly Intended to Supply the Wants of Indians living in this Governm^{t}, Marching thro' it, or Coming to Trade; the Expence of Which Amounted Some Years to two or three Hundred Thousands of French Livres, others

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less. Another branch but of a Clearer nature was the Sallaries of the People upon the Staff in this Governmt & are as follows.—

	French livres
To a Governor	6,000: —
Lieut. Governor	2,000: —
Town Major	1,500: —
Town Adjutant	1,100: —
And in the Civil Branch	
To a Lieut. General or Chief Judge	600: —
King's Attorney	300: —
a Jaylor	600: —

Lastly the King was pleased to Grant every Year to the two Religious Houses of Ursulines & Recollets in the Town of Trois Rivieres, a Grati=fication not exceeding Twelve Hundred Livres for both Houses; And His Majesty was likewise at the Expence of paying for the Board of Such Bastard Children, as were Declared to, and Registred by the King's Attorney, All Which Expences were paid Half Yearly by the Treasury at Quebec.—

Advantages Derived to the French To all Appearances the French Deriv=ed no Advantages from this Govern=ment, and Utterly Neglected, or Abused Such as they Might have Improved, or profited by.—

The Most Material Which they Abused was

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that Which Might Arise from the Iron Mines & Forges Settled about Seven Miles behind the Town of Trois Rivieres, up the River St. Maurice. —

This Establishment Consists of One Furnace, And two Forges built upon a little Rivulet, whose Water never freeses; it Discharges itself into the River St. Maurice, from Whence the Iron May be easily Conveyed to any Magazine at Trois Rivieres in Batteaux, and from thence in Vessells to Montreal or Quebec. There are besides a Large Stone House for the Managers, & Other Wood Buildings for the People Employed at the Works. —

The Mine that has hitherto Supplyed the forges lays very Near the Surface of the Earth, in a low Marshy Ground Seven or Eight Miles from them. There has hitherto been no Road Made to it, as they Used to fetch the Ore in Sledges during the Winter Season; but a good One May be easily Made.

The Iron Made from this Ore, is so Excellent in its Quantity, that in a late tryal Made by Order of His Excellency General Amherst, it was found greatly Superior to any Made in America, and even Exceeds that Imported from Sweden.

This Mine was Opened in the Year 1732, and Granted in 1736 to a Company, Whom the

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King Assisted with a Loan of about 3000 pounds Sterling. They Obliged themselves to Afford What Iron the King Might have Occasion for, at two Dollars and a half the hundred Weight, Whereas this Iron in Barrs never Sold for less than five or Six Dollars in this Colony. Their own Extrava=gance, and the low price of Iron Stipulated for between them and the King, was the reason Some Years after of their giving up the Grant, And Declaring themselves Unable to Repay the Loan they had borrowed from His Majesty. –

In 1742. the King took back the Grant, and kept the Forges in his own hands, Which from that time were put entirely Under the Di=rection of the Intendants. The Works were then carried on in a Larger Scale, the Mine produced Ore in great Plenty; And in the Year 1746 the Single Furnace built there returned One Million Eleven Hundred Thousands, five Hundred & Twenty three pounds Weight of Cast Iron, Which produced Five Hundred Thousands Weight of pure Iron, be=sides a large Quantity of Stoves & Pots. Notwith=standing all this, the great Number of Useless People Employed there, Such as a Director, a Comptroller, a Contractor for Provisions & forrage, Several Overseers in Chief, a Chaplain &ca. at large Sallaries; the little

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Attention paid to the Improvement of the Lands to procure Oats & Hay, Which was always bought at a great Distance, and at a Considerable Expence, & besides the Fraud of the Intendants, by Whom all the Accots. of that Branch were Settled, rendered that Establishment rather burthensome than profitable to the Crown. All the Buildings, Machinery, & Tools are now in a Most Ruinous Condition, and require a thorough Repair. But the Natural Advantages Still Remain; vizt. the Mine itself, to which May be Added Another Yet Untouched, laying about three Miles from the Forges, on the Other Side of River St. Maurice, the Woods about that Establishment, a Quarry of Limestone, absolutely Necessary for the Melting of the Ore, Eight Miles up the River St. Maurice; And lastly the Rivulet upon Which two More Forges & a Furnace May be easily Built without any Incumbrance to Each Other: All Which Advantages May certainly be greatly Improved to the Advantage of the Crown, by Supplying His Majesty's Navy with proper Iron for Ship Building —

Tho' this Government is Extremely well timbered, with proper Wood for building of Ships, & for Masts, Yet the greater Facility of Supplying the Navy with those Materials from Lake Champlain makes that Article less Valuable. The Lands have

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been tryed & found Equal to produce plentifull Crops of Hemp & Flax.- Ropewalks might be Established in Many Parishes of this Government, and an office fixed at Trois Rivieres for buying of Hemp or Ropes.

The Woods Abound with Pine Trees that would Afford great plenty of Pitch, and all Sorts of Gums; as also with Maple & Plane Trees, from Which the Inhabitants, at the breaking up of the frost, draw a a great Quantity of Syrup, and by boiling Make a Coarse kind of Sugar for their own Use. Much More of this kind of Sugar Might be Made, Should it be thought proper to Encourage it.-

State of Population

The Same Reasons Mentioned above, Which have hitherto prevented the progress of Husbandry, have also Stoped the Encrease of People. The greatest part of the Young Men, Allured by the Debauched, and Rambling Life, Which always Attend the Indian Trade in the Upper Countrys, never thought of Settling at home, till they were almost wore out by Diseases, or Premature Old Age.-

The Number of Regular Troops in this Government, will be Seen by the Annexed Return No. 1

The Number of Canadian Inhabitants with a Distinct Column of the Number of those that

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are able to Bear Arms, by the Return No. 2.-

The Number of Acres granted by Seigneurs, the property of the Lands, with the Number and Species of Cattle upon them, by the Return No. 3.-

The Number of Christenings, Marriages, & Burials since the latter part of the Year 1760, to April 1762, by the Return No. 4.-

Disposition of the Inhabitants

The Inhabitants & chiefly the Peasantry seem very happy in the Change of their Masters. They are protected in the free Excercise of their Religion; they begin to feel that they are no long=er Slaves, but that they do Enjoy the full Benefit of that Indulgent & Benign Government which constituted the peculiar felicity of us, who are Sub=jects to the British Empire.-

None have hitherto, to my knowledge Emi=grated from this Government; And at present there seems no grounds to fear the Emigration of any of them. The Gentry are the only People, who may perhaps Intend to Remove, if the Country should Remain Under the Government of Great Britain. In general, they chuse not to speak upon the Subject, as they still flatter themselves with tacit & Distant hopes of the Country being Returned to its former Masters.-

R. Burton.

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No. 1.

A Return of the British Forces Quartered in the Government of Trois Rivieres – April the 5th. 1762. –

Place Where Quartered	Regiments.	Companies	Officers Present. Commission'd: Captains.	Lieutenants.	Ensigns.	Non Com: mission'd: Serjeants.	Drummers.	Effective Rank & File.
Trois Rivieres	44th.	Captain Hervey	"	2	1	2	1	73
		Captain Irby	1	2	1	2	2	69
Masquinonge & Machiche	46th.	Captain Legge	1	1	1	2	1	60
St. Anne & Champlain	46th.	Captain Arnot	1	1	1	3	2	59
St. François	46th.	Captain Johnstone		1	1	3	2	59
		Total	3	7	5	12	8	320

44th. Regiment – Captain William Hervey Major of Brigade; One Serjeant recommended; One Serjt. One Drummer on Party.

46th. Regiment. – Captain Alexander Johnstone at Quebec, with leave of General Amherst, One Serjeant on Party. –

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Colonel

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Copy. No. 2.

Return of the Canadian Inhabitants Settled in the Town

Name of Parishes.—	House Keepers	Married Women & Widows.
Les Trois Rivieres	114	130
Point du Lac	46	44
Machiche	106	110
Riviere du Loup	104	97
Masquinongé	65	62
Yamasca	110	117
St. François	57	52
Baye St. Antoine	57	51
Nicolette	95	84
Béeancoure	63	60
Jentilly	27	30
St. Pierre	33	33
Ste. Anne	58	44
Ste. Marie	56	49
Riviere Batiscant	98	95
Batiscant	35	35
Champlain	48	49
Cape Magdaleine	32	29
Forges St. Maurice	11	11
Total	1217	1182

N.B. There are besides in this Government Three Indian Villages, One at Pointe du Lac of Algonquins, Containing about 500 Men, Women & very near Two Hundred People hutted in different places of

From the Registers of the Secretary's Office at Trois Rivieres,

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& Government of Trois Rivieres in April 1762 —

Males Unmarried & Children	Females Unmarried & Children	Male Servants	Female Servants	Men able to Bear Arms.	Total of the People.
148	168	59	53	136	672.
66	73	2	1	53	232.
176	164	9	2	153	567.
152	141	22	4	88	500.
112	94	2	3	62	338.
161	153	20	12	149	573.
90	111	16	14	70	340.
94	67	5	5	67	279.
122	123	12	10	111	446.
65	54	1	6	66	279.
44	44	1	2	35	148.
70	69	14	0	53	219.
110	85	17	12	60	326.
80	55	3	8	64	283.
153	154	6	7	15	513.
60	79	6	8	54	223.
72	71	30	18	15	255.
4[illegible]	35	15	1[illegible]	40	174
18	28	3	1	0	72.
1838	1948	243	184	1391	6472.

Becancour; Another at St. François both of Abenakis; And the last at

Children.— Besides Forty Five Families of Acadians, amounting to

this Government. —

the 5th of April 1762 :—

J Bruyere

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Copy, No. 3

Return of the Lands Granted by the Seigneurs; those of Cattle upon them throughout the Town & Government

Name of Parishes.	Acres of Land granted	Acres under Cultivation	Property of the Same.	Horses
Les Trois Rivieres	5630	1339	All Sorts of Grains	80
Pointe du Lac	2790	280	Wheat & Oats	20
Machiche	9800	1900	Wheat	90
Riviere du Loup	6200	1200	Wheat & Oats	90
Masquinongé	4250	500	Wheat, Oats & Pease	50
Yamasca	4300	1300	All Sorts	120
St. François	2600	1100	Wheat & Indian Corn	60
Baye St. Antoine	6000	1000	Wheat & Pease	50
Nicolette	9200	1200	All Sorts	60
Becancour	3400	400	All Sorts	40
Jentilly	5800	250	All Sorts	24
St. Pierre	3900	400	Wheat & Oats	35
Ste. Anne	3550	550	Wheat & Oats	64
Ste. Marie	4637	1100	Wheat & Oats	66
Riviere Batiscant	3500	500	Wheat, Oats, Tobacco	107
Batiscant	4033	1492	Wheat, Tobacco	46
Champlain	5660	1400	Wheat, oats, Tobacco	60
Cap Magdaleine	2100	600	Oats & Tobacco	41
	92840	16701		1123

From the Registers of the Secretary's Office at

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Under Cultivation, their Natural Property, & the Number of Trois Rivieres, in April 1762.—

Horned cattle	Sheep
210	50
50	12
250	70
160	20
150	25
380	150
180	40
200	80
210	60
200	20
60	7
120	30
110	75
142	133
240	25
127	38
175	10
142	14
3106	684

N: B: There is in this Government great plenty of Hogs, Poultry, Wild Fowl, especially Wood Pidgeons; Abundance of Fish in Lake St. Pierre, And such an Amazing Quantity of Small Fish crouding up the River St. Maurice about Christmass, that it is Sufficient to Maintain Several poor Families, during great part of the Winter. They even feed their Hogs with them.

Trois Rivieres April the 5th: 1762.—

J Bruyere Secy.

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Copy of No. 4

Return of the Number of Christenings, Marriages, & Burials in the Government of Trois Rivieres from September 1760, to April 1762.—

Names of Parishes.	Christenings.		Marriages.	Burials.	
	Males	Female		Male.	Female.
Les Trois Rivieres	38	36	19	27	34
Pointe du Lac	8	10	4	7	5
Machiche	35	30	12	31	13
Riviere du Loup	19	23	16	7	5
Masquinongé	11	13	11	7	3
Yamasca	24	32	26	11	20
St. François	21	20	7	18	17
Bay St. Antoine	13	16	14	7	8
Nicollette	16	19	19	5	7
Bécancour	18	14	21	2	4
St. Pierre	18	8	8	3	5
Ste. Anne	38	33	19	25	21
Batiscant et Riviere Batiscant	38	32	21	20	12
Champlain et Gentilly	16	18	12	8	14
Cap Magdaleine	8	3	4	4	3
Total	321	307	215	182	171

Thus the Number of Births in this Government have, during the above mentioned time, Exceeded that of Burials by 275.—

From the Registers of the Secretary's Office at Trois Rivieres April the 5th. 1762.

J: Bruyere
Secy.

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General Return of the Troops in the First Division, Under the Command of Colonel Burton.

	Regiments or Corps	No. of Men Including Officers	Total
Regulars	46th Regt. Murray's	668	
	Gates's N. York Indept. Compy.	83	
	Ogilvie's do.	83	
	Mc Leanes do.	82	
	Coventry's do.	83	
			999
Provincials	New Jersey	222	
	Rhode Islanders	217	
	New Yorkers	82	
	Connecticutt	904	
			1425
			Total 2424

N.B.

Prisoners Belonging to the following Regts. on board the Transports

Deserters Names	Regts. they belong to	Transports
William Smith	22d. Regt. on board	the Industry
William Price		
John Molloy	Do.	Resolution
James Simpson		
John Mc Martin	42d. Regt.	Resolution
Peter Robinson		

There are Eight Men of the New Yorkers, Exclusive of the above, ordered on board the following Transports to Serve as Sailors, and are afterwards to Joyn their Detachment. Vizt.

Two on Board the Resolution

Two do. .... Industry

Two do. .... Smiling Nancy, &

Two do. .... Three Sisters.

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Duplicate 1.

List of the Transports for the first Division. N. York June 1762.

Ships Names	Masters Names	Troops Embarked — Regiments or Corps	No. of Men Exclusive of Officers on board each Transport
Masquerade	Moon	46th Regt Murrays	158
Lyon	Chrystie	46th Regt Murrays	150
Amherst	Nicholson	46th Regt Murrays	162
Lark	Rockwood	Gates's & McLeane's Indept Compys	159
Industry	Dunsley	Ogilvie's Indept Compy 79 New Yorkers 40	119
Resolution	Marshall	Coventry's Indept Compy 79 New Yorkers 40	119
Grace	Chambers	New Jersey	143
Boscawen	Forbes	New Jersey 73 Rhode Islanders 30	103
Three Sisters	Mating	Rhode Islanders	137
Smiling Nancy	Todd	Connecticut	131
Swallow	Trotter	Connecticut	136
Falls	Collins	Connecticut	118
Duke of York	Brown	Connecticut	93
Polly	Kerr	Connecticut	78
Anne	Offord	Connecticut	85
Juno	Shafton	Connecticut	121

On Board the Intrepid Man of War, of the 46th ... 100

on Board the Chesterfield ... Do ... of Do ... 60

To be put on board Either of the Men of War, as Capt. Hale may Direct, of the Rhode Islanders, at present on board the Three Sisters, but not Included in the above ... 40

200

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Duplicate /.

A Proportion of Artillery and Stores that can be taken from New York, if the Service requires it.—

N. York June 1762.

							Barrils
Mortars		10 Inches . . 2	Shells	600	at 9 lb.	54
		8 do. 1		300	at. 4½	13½
		Royal . . . 6		1800	at. 24 oz.	27
		Cohorn . . 12		4800	at. 12 oz.	36
Howitzers		8 Inch . . . 2	Shells	400	at. 5¼ lb.	21
		Royal . . . 4		500	at. 2	16
Ordnance Brass.	Light	12 Poundrs. . . 4	Quick firing Ammunition	1200 round ½ & ½	at. 3	36
		6 do. . . . 6		2400	at. 1¼	36
	Heavy	24 Poundrs. . . 8	Round Shot Loose	6400	at 10 lb.	640
		12 do. 6		4800	at. 5	240
					Total Barrils	1119½

Endorsed Duplicate /. / Proportion of Artillery / & Stores that can be taken from / New York, if the Service / Requires it— June 1762. / in Sr. J. Amherst's of June 15. 1762 / No. 23.

Duplicate /.

Abstract of Officers and Men of the Royal Regiment of Artillery, who are at New York, and may be taken from thence if the Service requires it. —

N York June 1762.

Colonel, and Command.g Officer		1
	Capt: Lieut:	4
	First Lieut:	1
	Second Lieut:	1
	Lieut: Fireworker	1
	Serjeant	1
	Corporal	1
	Bombardiers	3
	Gunners	4
	Matrosses	15
	Fifer	1
	Total	33.

Endorsed Duplicate /. Abstract of Officers &/ Men of the Royal Regiment/ of Artillery, who are at New York, / & may be taken from thence, if / the Service requires it. — / in Sr J: Amherst's of June 15: 1762 / No. 24.

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New York 20th July 1762.

My Lord

On some intelligence I have this day received from Boston of the Enemys having several Ships of War on the Coast of Newfoundland, and their Landing some force on the Island, I think proper to dispatch a Packet to your Lordship with these Accounts numbered 1 2 3 4 in one Sheet as referred to in my Letters to the Admirals, 'tho' I imagine the information must be much exaggerated, and I can hardly doubt, but the real truth will be known in England long before my Letter can reach it.

The Lyon armed Vessel has been under sailing orders for some days past, being yet here, I have taken the occasion on receiving the above advice, to write immediately to Rear Admiral Rodney and Sir George Pocock, and the Gosport Man of War being this Afternoon arrived at the Hook, I have wrote to the Captain to proceed directly to Halifax, if it is consistent with his orders.

The last Letter I did myself the honour to write to your Lordship was of 15th June by the Harriot Packet, and the day following the Lyon armed Ship and Transports with between five and six hundred sick and wounded arrived here from

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Martinique, one Transport had parted Company, came in on the 20th upon the whole the Men are surprising:ly recovered, and fewer have been lost than could be expected considering their wounds and Violent disorders.

I enclose to your Lordship a List of the second Division of Troops, as also of the Transports which are gone under Convoy of His Majestys Ship Lizard and Enterprize, and Sloop Porcupine: they got to Sea from the Hook on 30th June with a fair wind. 121 of the recovered Men from Martinique are gone with this detachment to joyn their Corps.

I have not had any news from Lord Albemarle since his arrival at the Havanna, but from several Reports there are here by Vessels, I think it appears that His Lordship landed the beginning of June with little Opposition, that the Troops were all encamped and the Siege going on. it is said here that the Enemy have sunk three of their men of War at the entrance of the Harbour.

I acquainted your Lordship of a Schooner being taken by the Enemy, from the report of General Monckton's Servants who are this day return:red, the Ships were the Prothée of 64 Guns and Zephire of 24, bound to France; they sunk the Schooner after taking every thing out, and sent

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the Servants in a Sloop they afterwards took and permitted to ransom, to Bermudas.

I have received Governor Murray's Report of the State of the Government of Quebec, which I now transmit to your Lordship. I have immediately wrote to the Governour on the information I recieved of the Enemy's Force at Newfoundland and I wish the Victualling Ships from Europe, of which I have no account, may have got into the River before the Enemys Ships were on the Banks

I have also wrote to the Comanding Of=ficer at Louisburg that he may be upon his Guard, and I shall take every measure that I judge the most conducive to the protection of every part of this Continent, in case this sur=prizing account of the Enemy's force should prove to be true.

By advices from Lisbon there seems to be too much reason to apprehend that the Genl Wall Packet has been taken, I therefore have the honour of transmitting to your Lordship a duplicate of my Letter of the 6th Aprill which went by that Vessel, with a Schedule of the Enclosures, which time does not now permit to have Copyed, but I shall send them by the next occasion.

I also transmit to your Lordship such papers

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as have passed since my last Letter, and that I think necessary for giving you a full information of the State of things here. I dispatch the Hali=fax Packet with this. I have the honour to be with the utmost Respect

My Lord

Your Lordships

Most Humble

and most Obedient Servant

Jeff: Amherst.

Rt. Honble. Earl of Egremont.

Endorsed New York. July 20th 1762./ Sir Jeff: Amherst / Rd Augt. 22d.

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Schedule of Papers Referr'd to in Major General Sir Jeffery Amherst's Letter to The Right Honble. The Earl of Egremont, Bearing Date at New York, 20th July 1762.

No. 1 .... Copy of Letter from Govr. Boone to Sir Jeffery Amherst; Acquainting him that the Cherokees had at last Delivered up all our Prisoners; And Enclosing some Intelligence he had Received of Several Ships having Arrived from Old France at New Orleans.... 25th June 1762.

No. 2. .... Copy of Intelligence of some French Vessels being Arrived at New Orleans.. Enclosed in the foregoing.

No. 3. .... Copy of The General's Answer to Governor Boone; That it gave him great pleasure to Learn the Cherokees had at last Delivered up all the Prisoners; And Acquaints the Govr. that he Sends another Transport for Recruits, in hopes that the Province of South Carolina will Compleat the Quota required; And adds that the Intelligence he had sent him of Some French Ships being Arrived at New Orleans, ought to Stirr up all the Southern Colonies, to furnish the Number of Men Demanded by the King .... 8th July.

No. 4. .... Extract of Letter from Govr. Dobbs to the

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General; Advising him that there were al=ready 100 Men Enlisted in the Province of North Carolina for the Regular Service, and that he was in daily Expectation of hear=ing of the Whole Quota (Viz.t 134) being compleated . . . . 1762 9th June

No. 5. . . . . Copy/. The General's Answer; That he was Extremely glad to find 100 Recruits were already Raised in North Carolina, for the Regular Corps, & therefore Dispatched Lieut: Williamos in a Vessel to Receive, and bring Round the Whole, which the General does not Doubt will be Ready by the time the Vessel can get to Brunswick . . . . 2d. July

No. 6. . . . . Copy/. Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst to Governor Monckton; Representing to him the Backwardness that the Province of New York had particularly Discovered in Com=plying with His Majesty's Requisition, as well for the Provincial as Regular Service, there being only One Man Raised for the Latter, and by the Returns lately received, it did not Appear that Above the Half of the Provincials were yet in Motion, In=cluding those that were gone on the Ex=pedition; The General however Trusts, from

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the Known Zeal of the Governor, & the In=
=fluence he may have on the Assembly they
will yet Enable him to make a favorable
Report of their Conduct to the King's Ministers. 1762 4th July.

No. 7. . . . Extract / Letter from Govr. Fitch to the
General; Advising him that the Assembly of
Connecticutt would by no means come into
the proposed Measure of Drafting Men from
the Militia, to Serve in the Regular Corps. . . 10th July.

No. 8. . . . Extract / The General's Answer; That he
only mentioned the Measure of Drafting Men
from the Militia, in case the Recruits could
not be Raised by Voluntary Enlistments, which
he would much rather were the Case; but the
Absolute Necessity of furnishing the Quota Re:
=quired, pleaded strongly for some Effectual
Methods to be fallen on to Accomplish it. . . . 16th July.

No. 9 . . . . Copy / Letter from Govr. Wentworth to Sir
Jeffery Amherst. Acquainting him that the As:
=sembly of Newhampshire Refused to Come into
the Measure proposed by the Governor; for
Drafting Men from the Militia, to Serve in
the Regular Corps; but that they had Voted a
further Bounty to be given to such as would
Enter Voluntarily, &ca. . . . . 9th June

No. 10. . . . Copy / The Generals Answer; Hopes the

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Assembly of Newhampshire will Reconsider the Scheme proposed of Drafting Men from the Militia, to Serve in the Regular Corps, as a Non Compliance in so Essential a part of His Majesty's Requisitions, cannot fail of Excluding them from any Title to the King's particu=lar Favor, which, by His Secretary of State, he had been graciously pleased to promise to Such of His Provinces as Distinguished them=selves at this Critical Juncture .... 1762 20th June.

No. 11. .... Copy / Letter from Govr. Wentworth to Sir Jeffery Amherst; Enclosing the Resolve of the Assembly of Newhampshire, for Granting a Bounty to such of their Provincial Troops as were willing to Enter into the Regular Service; but that they had absolutely refused to Enable the Govr. to Draft the Men from the Militia, &ca. .... 8th July.

No. 12. .... Copy / Resolve of the Assembly of Newhampshire, for Granting a Bounty to such of their Provincial Troops as are Willing to Enter into the Regular Service... Enclosed in the foregoing .... 7th July.

No. 13. .... Copy / The General's Answer to Govr. Wentworth; That he should be glad to hear the Provincial Colonel Succeeded in getting any

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Number of Men to Enter into the Regular Service, but could not think the Assembly had fully Complied with His Majesty's Requisition, unless the Quota of Men was actually furnished 1762 18th July

No. 14 .... Extract of Letter from Sir Wm. Johnson to Sir Jeffery Amherst, Enclosing a Copy of his Instructions with the Six Nations at the Late Meeting, &ca. .... 21st May

No. 15 .... Copy of Proceedings at a Meeting & Treaty Held by Sir Wm. Johnson, with the Six Nations April 1762; With the Speech of a Stockbridge Indian concerning some Lands on the Susque-hannah River .. Enclosed in the foregoing..

No. 16 .... Extract of The General's Answer to Sir William; Containing some Remarks on the proceedings at the Late Meeting with the Indians; And Approving of what Sir Wm. had Said to them on that Occasion ... 21st June

No. 17 .... General Return of the Second Division of Troops Embarked at New York June 1762.

No. 18 .... List of Transports for the Second Division of Troops ....

No. 19 .... Copy of Letter from Lord Albemarle to Sir Jeffery Amherst* .... 5th May

* A Copy of this Letter was Sent with the Generals Last Dis-patches to My Lord Egremont.

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No. 20 .... Copy / Sir Jeffery's Answer to the Above .. 28th June

No. 21 .... Copy / Letter from Do. to Ditto .... 20th July

No. 22 .... Copy / Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst to Adml. Rodney; Enclosing him the Intelli=gence Received from Boston, Acct. of a Fleet belonging to the Enemy being on the New=foundland Coast; & Likewise Enclosing a packett, Containing the same Intelligence for Sir Geo: Pococke, which he Desires the Admiral he will forward, without Delay, to Sir George .... 20th July

No. 23 .... Copy of the Aforesaid Letter to Sir Geo: Pococke .... 20th July

No. 24 .... Copys of the Intelligence Referred to in the Above.

Endorsed Schedule of Papers / Referred to, in Sir Jeffery / Amhersts Letter to The Earl / of Egremont. Dated / New York, 20th July 1762.

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Copy .|

Charles Town, So. Carolina. June 25th
1762.

Sir,

On the 13th Instant, & not before, most if not all our Remaining Prisoners among the Cherokees were Delivered to the Commanding Of=ficer of Fort Prince George; This Event, which I have long anxiously Wished for, has been brought about merely by the Restraint of the Trade from this Province; Had the Contiguous Ones taken the same Effectual Steps, it might have been Accomplished long ago—

The Recruiting Service has gone on as Slow as I Imagined it would, and I am afraid it will be to no purpose to Continue it.—

In Confirmation of the Intelligence Com=municated to me by Capt: Arbuthnot, from whom I forwarded a Letter to you, I now Enclose you a Paragraph. About a Fortnight ago, a Jamaica Privateer Sloop, brought in a French Privateer Sloop to Port Royal in this Province on board were a French Lieutenant of Foot, & Fifteen Soldiers, with their Arms, &ca; They were Bound from New Orleans to Cape François; I Ordered the prize & Crew round to this port, in order to

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take proper Care of the Prisoners, & to Question the Officer, but the English Master thought proper to Carry her to Savannah in Georgia.—

I Have the Honor to be, Sir

with great Respect,

&ca.

Tho Boone

His Excellency Sir Jeffery Amherst

Endorsed Copy./ Letter from Governor/ Boone to Sir Jeffery Amherst,/ Dated Charles Town, 25th June 1762/ Acquainting him that the/ Cherokees had at last/ Delivered up all our Provinces;/ And Enclosing Some Intelligence/ he had received of Several/ Ships hav=ing Arrived from/ Old France at New Orleans./ in Sr J: Amherst's of July 20: 1762, No 1.

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Paragraph of a Letter to Govr. Boone; Referred to in his to Sir Jeffery Amherst of the 25th June 1762.

"I Beg Leave to Trouble you, with a Paragraph of a Letter from Mr. Macarten, which is just come to hand – Vizt. Mr. James Germany, one of our Traders, just Arrived from the Creeks, Confirms the Accots. of Troops being Arrived at New Orlean's, also two Store Ships, with Goods, & one Ship of War. He further Says, these are the only Vessells, they have had from Old France, for five Years past, also that a Boat Load of the Above Goods, were on the Way, to the Albama Fort, which is to be given in presents to the Creek Indians. – am Apprehensive, this Bodes no Good to the English. –

I am, Sir,

Your Excellency's most Obedt.

very Hble. Servt.

Martin Campbell

Endorsed Copy. / Intelligence of Some / French Vessells being Arrived at / New Orleans. – / Enclosed in Governor Boone's Letter / to Sir Jeffery Amherst of 25th June 1762 / in Sr. J. Amherst's of July 20: / 1762, / No. 2.

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Copy. 1.

New York, 8th July 1762.

Sir,

It gives me great pleasure to Learn by your Letter of the 25th June, which I received two days ago, that the Cherokees have at last Delivered up all our Prisoners; The Measure taken of Laying a Restraint on the Trade has certainly produced this Wished for Event, and I am Sorry the Neighbouring Provinces did not pursue the same Steps; for there can be no doubt but it always Lyes in our power, by totally prohibiting any Goods to be taken to the Indians, to Reduce them to our own Terms, and that by Treating them as they Deserve, they will Behave as they ought to do; but this can never be Effected in Every part, while Some Individuals, whose Sole Views are to Monopolize the Whole of the Profits to themselves, are permitted to go in a Clandestine manner amongst them. –

I Expected to have had much better Accounts of the Recruiting for the Regulars; but, tho' you don't give me all the Expectations I could Wish, as I hear that Captain Rogers has met with Success in North Carolina, and that I shall still hope the Quota will be Raised, I now Dispatch the Brigg Hannah with Orders to Lieut: Ramsay, to Ship on

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Board her what may be Remaining after those that the Former will have Received, and to Order them to proceed to this place, without Delay: I shall soon Send another Vessell to Attend at Charles Town, for the Remainder of the Quota which I firmly trust will be Compleated: The Intelligence you have been pleased to Send me, of some of the Transports, with French Troops, &ca. having got to New Orleans, makes it the more Necessary for the Southern Colonies in particular to Exert themselves on this Occasion, in Compleating His Majesty's Regular Corps, & Indeed ought to Rouze them in furnishing their Quotas of Provincials, as the French will no doubt be Ready Enough to Set the Indians to Work, in Allarming our Frontiers, tho' I cannot think they will Dare to Attempt any thing Of=fensively, since they have been so Unlucky as to have the greatest part of their Intended Re=inforcements Intercepted by Our Cruizers.—

I am, with great Regard,

Sir,

&ca,

Jeff: Amherst.

His Excellency
Governor Boone }

Endorsed

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Copy.

New York, 4th July 1762

Sir,

As the Lt Governor will have Delivered to you the Several Letters regarding the Quota of Men Demanded of this Province by His Majesty, as well for the Regular * as Provincial Service, and that the Season is now far Advanced, I think it necessary to Acquaint you, that besides the 553 Men, gone on the Expedition, I find by the Last Returns from Albany, there have been only 322 Men, Including Officers Mustered at that Place and I know only of One Man that has been Raised for the Regular Corps. —

Altho' I am well Convinced that no Arguments are necessary to point out to you the great Consequence of furnishing those Men, at this Critical time, when We are Engaged in a New War with Spain, and as the Services for which they are required are the most Essential, & tend not only to the Security & Welfare of His Majesty's Subjects in General, but in a great degree to the protection & Advantage of this Province in particular, I cannot help Expressing my Astonishment at the Backwardness that has Appeared in the Province of New York, in Complying with the King's Requisitions

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on this Occasion.—

I Had flattered Myself they would have, at least, Enabled me to have filled up the In=dependent Companys by the time they Sailed from hence; but the only Assistance I had for Re=cruiting them, as well as the Other Corps that went on Service, was from the Massachusetts Bay, from whence I received several Partys, and am in daily Expectation of more.—

By Advices from Virginia & the Carolinas, I have the pleasure to Learn that the Quotas Demanded of them for the Regular Service, are nearly Compleated; and I must Confess it gives me Concern to See the Province of New York, which ought to be among the first in Complying with the King's Commands, appear in a Light that cannot fail of Incurring His Ma=jesty's Displeasure; But I still flatter My=self, from your Zeal for the Service, and the Influence you may have on the Assembly, that they will yet fall on some Effectual Methods of Compleating the Provincials, and of Raising the Recruits for the Regulars, which last is Essentially Necessary at this time; and it will give me a particular pleasure to have it in my power to make a favorable Report to

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the King's Ministers, of the Conduct of the Province over which you Preside. –

I am, with great Regard,

Sir,

&ca.

Jeff: Amherst.

His Excellency
Honble. Govr. Monckton. }

Endorsed Copy./. Letter from Sir Jeffery / Amherst to Governor Monckton. / Dated New York, 4th July 1762 / Representing to the Govr. the Backwardness that the Province of New York / had particularly Discovered in / Complying with His Majesty's / Requisition, as well for the Provincial / as Regular Service, there being only / One Man Raised for the Latter, and / by the Returns lately rec^d. it did not / appear that above the Half of the / Provincials were yet in Motion, / Including those that were gone on / the Expedition; The General however / Trusts, from the known Zeal of the / Govr. & the In=fluence he may have / on the Assembly, they will yet / Enable him to make a favorable Report of their Conduct to the / King's Ministers. – / in S^r. J. Amherst's of July 20: 1762 / N°. 6.

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Extract. /.

Norwalk, 10th July 1762.

"The Proposal you was pleased to make, by your Letter of the 1st of June for Drafting Men from the Militia of the Colony for Recruiting the Regular Regiments, coming to me while the Assembly was Sitting, I Communicated to them for their Consideration, upon which they Observed, that as the Loyalty & firm Attachment of this Government to His Majesty's Honor & Interest, have hitherto been Unquestionable, so they Conceived the Notoriety of their persevering Endeavors to Induce Men Voluntarily to Enlist into the Regular Regiments, must Clearly Evince their Zeal to promote that Important Service in particular; And tho' with Regret they Reflected on such their Unsuccessfull Efforts, yet Conceiving Your Excellency's proposal as Unprecedented, and the Obvious Reluctance of our Young Men, hitherto so Little Induced, tho' Earnestly Sollicited to Enlist, they could not but Apprehend making such Drafts would be Attended with many & great Difficulties of making such an Attempt; They are therefore persuaded you will be pleased to Excuse them in an Affair so reluctant to the Genius of our People,

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and the Constitution of the Government, as well as unpromising in its Consequences."

Thos. Fitch.

His Excellency Sir Jeffery Amherst.

Endorsed Extract./ Letter from Governor / Fitch to Sir Jeffery Amherst / Dated Norwalk, 10th July 1762./ Advising the General that the / Assembly of Connecticutt would / by no means come into the / proposed Measure of Drafting / Men from the Militia, to Serve / in the Regular Corps. / in Sr. J. Amhersts of July 20:1762/ No. 7.

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Extract./

New York, 16th July 1762.

"By the Yesterday's post I had the Favor of your Letter of the 10th Instant.—

"I Only mentioned the Measure of Drafting Men from the Militia, in case the Recruits could not be Raised by Voluntary Enlistments, which I should much rather were the case, but the Absolute Necessity of furnishing the Quota required, pleads strongly for some Effectual Method to be fallen on, to Accomplish it.—"

Jeff: Amherst.

Honble Govr Fitch.—

Endorsed Extract/. Letter from Sir Jeffery/ Amherst to Governor Fitch—/ Dated New York, 16th July 1762./ In Answer to the Govr's of 10th—/ That he only men=tioned the/ Measure of Drafting Men from/ the Militia, in case the Recruits/ could not be Raised by Voluntary/ Enlistments, which he would/much rather were the case, but/the Absolute Necessity of/ furnishing the Quota required,/plead=ed strongly for some/ Effectual Methods to be fallen/ on to Accomplish it.—/ in Sr J. Amherst's of July 20: 1762/ No. 8.

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Copy./

Portsmouth, June 9th 1762

Sir,

I Have your Esteemed Favour of 30th May before me, and it is with Concern I must In=form you that the Method I proposed to the Assembly, for Raising the 143 Men, for His Ma=jesty's Service did not take Effect, the Assembly Alledging that they could find no precedent for such a Measure in England, so they have Raised the Provincial Bounty to Six pounds Sterling, and that I may try the Effects of that Additional Bounty, I have Ordered the Several Regiments of Militia to make a General Muster, & have Appoint=ed the Captain & Lieutenant of Each Company In=listing Officers, who are to Read the Encouragement given by the King, & that given by the Province, at three different times, while the Company is under Arms, which is the only Expedient I could think of, to make tryal of this new Measure.–

I Have but one Remedy left to Induce the Assembly to Enable me to pay an Exact Obedience to His Majesty's Commands, if I fail in the present Trial, and that is, to Acquaint them, that un=less the 143 Men are amply Raised, neither you, nor I, will have it in our power to Recommend

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them to His Majesty's Favor to have any Share in the Grant of Money made by Parliament, & if it appears to you Consistent, such a hint in your next Letter may be Usefull, & Spur them up to their Duty in this Essential Service. —

I am, with great Truth & Regard,

Sir,

&ca

B Wentworth

His Excellency
General Amherst.

Endorsed Copy / Letter from Governor / Wentworth to Sir Jeffery Amherst. / Dated Portsmouth 9th June 1762. / Acquainting him that the / Assembly of Newhampshire / Refused to Come into the Measure / proposed by the Govr for Drafting / Men from the Militia, to Serve / in the Regular Corps, but that / they had Voted a further Bounty / to be given to such as would / Enter Voluntarily, &ca. — / in Sr J. Amherst's of July 20: 1762 / No. 9 —

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Copy. 1.

New York, 20th June 1762.

Sir,

I am very Sorry to find by your Letter of the 9th Instant, that the Assembly of Newhampshire have not come into the Measure proposed for Raising the Recruits for the Regular Corps, especially as the Encouragements already given, seem to have no Effect. As a Complyance with His Majesty's Commands in this particular, is of the utmost Consequence, & that any failure therein, must Draw upon the Province, the Censure of the King's Ministers. I Trust your Assembly will Reconsider the Matter, and by Exerting a proper Spirit, will Enable you to Comply fully with His Majesty's Requisition, as a Noncomplyance in so Essential a point, cannot fail of Excluding them from any Title to the King's particular Favor, which by His Secretary of State, he has been graciously pleased to promise to Such of His Provinces as Distinguished themselves at this Critical Juncture.

I am, with great Regard,

Sir,

&ca

Jeff: Amherst.

His Excellency Govr. Wentworth.

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Copy.

Portsmouth July 8th 1762.

Sir,

Having Laid your Letter of the 20th & 27th of June before the General Assembly, I now trans=mit a Final Resolution of Both Houses thereon, and by what I can Discover from such of the Members as I can Rely on, it is their last De=termination, as no Arguments or Proposals that I have, or can make, will Avail with them to Draft the Men. –

They think they have fully Complyed with His Majesty's Commands already, by granting such Large Bountys, & with your Requisition in the same manner, but I Convinced the Committee, that untill they had Enabled me effectually to Levy the 143 Men, there could be no Complyance; they like=wise are Jealous, as you may Observe by a para=graph in their Resolve, that I have not fully Advised you of what they have done, which is Sum'd up in very few Words, Granting a Bounty to such Men as would inlist, and at the same time, not a Man among them, that could think at all, Imagined the Bounty would Raise a Man. And it is with the greatest Concern, that I must tell you, that unless the Men can be Raised from

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Colonel Goffe's Regiment, I Despair of getting them in any other way. I Must Confess I have 'till now been of a Contrary Opinion, and allways hoped that if the first Measures failed, their Gratitude to the King, for past Favours, and the Expectations of fu=ture, would have Induced them to have Raised the Men at all Events.

All that can be now done, is to make the most of the enclosed Resolve, Accordingly I shall, by Express, Acquaint Colonel Goffe with the Resolution of the Assembly, and Direct him to follow such Orders as he may, from time to time receive from you, relative to the Raising the Men, and Desire him to give me his Sentiments how this method will operate, and how many Men he thinks can be got out of his Regiment, on this Bounty, and as soon as the Express Re=turns I shall Send up the Provincial Bounty, and in the meantime I shall keep Enlisting Officers at Work below, and take all possible Care that the Men shall be Replaced, for those that Enlist for the Regular Service.—

As Colonel Goffe's Regiment is Immediately under your Command, I think it would be Ir=regular to Issue my Orders to him, & that it would be with more propriety to Come from the Supreme

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Commander therefore to Avoid any Misunderstand=
=ing. I have only told him what the Government
have Engaged, which shall be Sent him, & Re=
=ferred him to your particular Directions, which
I hope will be most agreable & most for His
Majesty's Service. A Copy of my Letter I now
Enclose.—

I am, with the greatest Respect,

Sir,

&ca.

B Wentworth

His Excellency
Sir Jeffery Amherst }

Copy/. Letter from Governor Wentworth to Sir Jeffery Amherst.
Dated/ Portsmouth, 8th July 1762./ Enclosing the Re=
=solve of the/ Assembly of Newhampshire/ for
granting a Bounty to such/ of their Provincial
Troops as/ were willing to Enter into the/ Regular
Service; but that they/ had Absolutely refused to
Enable the Governor to Draft the Men/ from the
Militia, &ca.—/ in Sr. J. Amhersts of July 20: 1762/
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Copy

Province of New Hampshire

We being Appointed a Committee by a Vote of the 6th Instant to Consider of the Subject Matter of His Excellencys Speech of that Date, and the Letters therein reffered to, And to wait on His Excellency the Governor and Conferr with him thereon, have Accordingly taken the Same under Consideration and waited on His Excellency who was pleased to Urge the Necessity of Complying with the Requisition made for the Recruiting the Regular Regiments in Some Method that might be Effectual for Answering which End the Genl. Assembly of this Province have from time to time signified their ready Disposition to Comply with His Majesty's Commands, And the Deep Sense they have of His Majesty's Grace and Favour by Voting such Encouragement for Men to Enlist, And for Officers to Exert themselves in Recruiting as appeared most Likely to Answer the Dessign; And we Cannot but be Sorry the Methods taken have proved Ineffectual And that the ready and full Compliance of the General Assembly of this Province with the Method proposed by Genl. Amherst has not been fully Known to him. And that no Method Likely to Obtain may be Left Unatempted and as the most of these Men

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who might be likely to Enter into His Majesty's Service are already in the Province Service at Crown=point we would propose that an attempt might be made for Enlisting Men there for the Regular Service and that for their Encouragement the Bounty for Enlisting Should be Raised, and that for Supplying their place there Should be Men Enlisted for the Province Service upon the Same Terms with those Al=ready Raised to fill up the places of Such as Shall Enlist into the Regular Service.

Which is Humbly Submitted July 7th 1762

By Order of the Committee

R: Wibird, Chairman

In council Eodem Die

Read & Accepted & Ordered to be Sent down to the Hon ble Assembly

Theodore Atkinson Jun r. Sec ry

Province of New Hamps re } In the House of Representatives July 7th 1762

The above Report Read and Accepted.

Voted that the Bounty to be paid to Each Effective Man that Shall Enlist in the Regular Service be Raised to Eight pounds Sterling and that His Excellency the Governor be desired to give his Orders accordingly

H Sherburne Speaker

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In councill July 7th: 1762
Read and Concurred
Theodre: Atkinson Junr: Secry
Consented to
B Wentworth

a True Copy Examin'd
pr: Theodore Atkinson Junr: Secry

Endorsed: Copy. / Resolve of the / Assembly of New-hampshire, / for granting a Bounty to such / of their Provincial Troops / as are willing to Enter into / the Regular Service. / 7th July 1762. / Enclosed in Govr. Wentworth's / Letter to Sir Jeffery Amherst, / dated 8th July 1762. / in Sr J. Amherst's of July 20: 1762 / No. 12.

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Extract /.

Albany, May 21st 1762.

"Herewith I Enclose your Excellency a Copy of my Transactions with the Six Nations at the Late Meeting: Your Excellency will Observe in these Transactions the great Jealousy of the Indians with regard to their Lands, and particularly their Un=easiness now concerning the Designs of some Connecticutt People, who, to the Number of a thousand Familys are preparing, & some of them, as I am Informed, are already gone to Settle on a Large Tract of Country, on the Susquahana River, which they claim a Right to, by Virtue of a Purchase made for them some Years ago, in a very wrong manner, by One Lyddius of Albany. and concerning Which One Woodbridge of Stockbridge, Sent a Speech to the Six Nations, which I had a Copy taken of some time ago, & now Enclose it with the rest to Your Excellency."

Wm. Johnson.

His Excellency -
Sir Jeffery Amherst &ca. }

Endorsed Extract /. Letter from Sir / William Johnson to Sir Jeffery / Amherst. - / Dated Albany, 21st May 1762 / Enclosing a Copy of his / Transactions with the / Six Nations / at the Late / Meeting, &ca. - / in Sr. J: Amherst's of July 20: / 1762 / No. 14.

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Copy.I.

Proceedings at a Meeting & Treaty held with the Six Nations at Johnson Hall – April 21st 1762 –

Present

Sir William Johnson Bart.

Lieut. Guy Johnson as Secry

William Printup Interpreter,

The Sachems & Chiefs of the Several Nations.

Sir William Opened the Conference by Per=forming the Ceremony of Condolance Usual on these Occasions, then told them, that as he purposed to Morrow to Deliver them a Speech, & proceed upon Business, he hoped they would be all in Readiness to Attend the Same, After Which they parted for that day. –

22d.

They all Assembled.

Present

Sir William Johnson Bart.

Captain Daniel Claus Depy. Agent.

with Several Gentlemen Living in the Neighbourhood.

Lieut. Guy Johnson as Secretary,

Wm. Printup Interpreter,

All the Sachems, Chiefs &ca. Amounting to above 400.

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The Onondago Speaker in the Name of the rest performed the Ceremony of Condolance on their Parts.

Gave a String of Wampum.

After which on behalf of his Nation, he Returned Sir William Many thanks for Condoling with them, & Covering the Grave of the Bunt's Son —

Gave a Belt.

Then Sir William Addressed them,

Brethren of the Six Nations,

Before I proceed upon Business I cannot help Expressing my Surprize at the Slowness of Your coming down to Attend the Conference, Which I long ago Expected to have finished; as well as at the Small Number of Sachems & Chiefs from the Senecas, as I did not doubt but there would have Attended a Considerable Number of them to Represent their People, And Answer me at this Meeting on Several important heads; however I hope that the few of them Who are here, as well as all the rest of the Nations present will Deliver their Sentiments ingenuously, and Speak their Minds with the utmost Sincerity, & Truth at this Conference. —

Gave a Belt.

Brethren,

After our great Successes in the Reduction of Montreal & all Canada His Britannick Majesty

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was Determined to render his Indian Allies as happy as possible, & to make them Sensible of his Friendship by Every reasonable Indulgence, with these Assurances as also with Intent to Accommodate all Matters, And Make & Establish a Peace with all the Western & Northern Indians I was last Year Sent to the Détroit, When on my way I was greatly Astonished to hear that those very People, Whom the English were then Studying to Render happy were themselves busied in promoting a War with Us, & Corrupting the Nations about the Detroit to bring them over to their Measures, Which those People Rejected, & Made an honest Discovery thereof, Acknowledging that two Deputys from the Senecas had been Amongst them for that purpose..

The Scheme being thus frustrated, I sent to Desire the Attendance of the Senecas at Niagara, that I might Speak with them thereon, & know their Motives for Such a proceeding; but after waiting a Considerable time for them, they Sent me a frivolous Excuse, & Desired I would Speak to Sona=joana, Who (with a few Senecas) was then at Niagara, Accordingly I did so, desiring him to Communicate What I had said, to the rest, agree=able to their Desire, and Insisting on their Sending a proper Deputation to the Détroit; in Order to Clear

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themselves (if Possible) of the Charge Against them, at the General Meeting, Which they Neglected to do.—

This Behavior has therefore in a great Measure Confirmed me in the Opinion that the Affair Came first from them, And that they were Incapable of justifying themselves — Therefore I now De=sire, that I may be Informed from the Senecas themselves of the particulars & Cause of Such Be=havior, Which I Insist on knowing; And that I may likewise be Satisfied with regard to the daily Reports Which I hear, of a General disaffection of the Indians, & of their Designs to breed a Rupture in the Country.—

I Expect You will Answer me clearly particularly concerning these Matters, And that You will not only Make Me Acquainted with Every Circumstance thereof but Exert Yourselves to the utmost of Your power in preventing the Same, so that I may never hear of Such Reports for the future, for, be Assured that Should You attempt to Disturb the Publick tranquility from any Vain hopes, Which You May Entertain of Success, You will at last find Your=selves so fully Mistaken, & have Cause for ever to Repent Your Insensibility of the happiness & Indul=gencies You at present Enjoy. If there any Amongst You, Who Still persist in that Weak Design, I for

the last time advise You to drop all such Vain thoughts, Since if You persist therein You will Assuredly oblige us to a Quarrel, Which must bring Inevitable Destruction on You & all Your Adherents. —

Gave a Belt, & Shewed them the Belt Sent by the Senecas to the Indians at Détroit last Year. —

Brethren,

It greatly Astonishes me to hear Constant Reports of the Indians disaffection & Intentions to Quarrel with their Brethren the English & Attack our Outposts, Many Particulars of Which I have lately been Informed of, from Canada, as also that Kinderuntie the Chenussio, is now out with 600 Warriors, with Design to Committ Hostilities on the English. — I have likewise received Certain Advice that a party of Shawanese have lately taken four of our Peoples Scalps at the back of Virginia, or North Carolina. — As we cannot longer pass over Such Behavior, I Expect You will Acquaint me with the Designs of the party Under Kinderuntie, as also with the Reasons Which have Induced the Shawanese to Offer such treatment to the English in a time of publick Tranquility, & after the Solemn Engagements into Which they Entered before Me last Year; at this rate there can be no Faith or Peace kept with the Indians, neither can their

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most Solemn promises, Assurances, & Treaties be de:
=pended upon, or have any Weight with Us for
the future. —

If You can Clear Yourselves of being Concern:
=ed, or of Approving of Such Unaccountable Attempts,
I now Expect You will immediately do it, & that
a total & Immediate Stop May be put to all
future hostilities.

A Belt.

Brethren,

In the beginning of last Winter I received
Advice from His Excell.^cy Sir Jeffery Amherst, & the
Lieut. Governor of this Province that there were
Many of His Britannick Majesty's Subjects in the
hands of Your Nephews the Mounsies, Which they hav:
=ing delayed giving up, I was Directed to Apply to
You for that Purpose, & Accordingly I did so at the
Meeting Which I had with Several of Your Nations
last January, Who then put the Same off Untill
the present Meeting should take place. Wherefore
I now Desire You will, without farther Delay send
Messengers to these Indians requiring them im=
=mediately to Set at Liberty all the English Prison:
=ers remaining Amongst them, and to let them know
that We cannot Consider them as Brethren, Whilst
they Detain our People in their Custody — A Belt.

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Then the Mohocks Addressed the rest of the Nations Abraham Speaker,

Brethren of the Confederacy,

Being now Assembled at the Council Fire kindled by Your Brother, We have Some thing on our parts to Say to You, Which is, that We have been Very Uneasy for some time past at the Many bad Reports We have heard from Your Country tending to Create Disturbances; And as You cannot but know the Ancient Agreement entered into between Our Brethren the English & Us, of holding fast by the Covenant Chain and preserving it Entire, So that no Cause Should Occasion its being broke, & that if any of Your Nephews or Young Men should Infringe that agreement, the Sachems & Chiefs should put a Stop to their proceedings, immediately Accom=modate Matters & prevent any trouble, that we should do Every thing on Our parts, & You & Yours for the preservation of Peace.— Now as we hear So Much bad News from Chenussio, & Your Neighbourhood, We cannot but be greatly Alarmed thereat, & hope You will Exert Yourselves in the due Observance of Your promises.—

Have You not Seen that all the Most Distant Nations have made Peace, & Entered into an Alliance with the English, Shall we then, Who have been always Considered as Allies, forgetfull of Our former

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promises & Engagements, be the first People to promote War. If You do not regard Your Antient Treatys & Agreements, We beg You will Consider the Dangerous Consequences Attendant on War, that You will reflect on the hazards, to Which Our Wives & Children must be Exposed thereby, And the Blood, Which You will be the Cause of Spilling We therefore Earnestly Desire (as the Affair Comes from Your Quarter) that, by this Belt You will think on What You may have been about, that You will Call to Mind Your Old Alliances, & Use Your Most Vigorous Efforts to put a Stop to any Evil Designs, Which You May have foolishly had in hand, as well as Cause all those concerned to Repent of their bad Intentions.— Gave a Large Belt

The Speaker of the Onondagos desired that the Belt Which Sir William had produced, as Sent by the Senecas to Detroit Might be given them, Untill they Should repeat the Message, Which they had Sent thereon, as also give their Answer to the Charge against them— Which being Complied with, the Chief of the Chenussios Stood up & Spoke as follows.—

Brother Warraghiyagey,

I Beg Your Attention till I Answer You con=cerning the Belt, Which we are Charged with having

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Sent last Year to the Detroit, And therefore I shall begin with Informing You that, after the Reduction of Nia=gara, the Wiandots Sent Several Verbal Messages Amongst Us Representing that now the English had taken that place, & were Establishing themselves throughout the Country, the Six Nations would Shortly be entirely hemmed in, & Surrounded & Whenever the Wiandots Met with any of Our People, they Made it their business to Instill this Notion into their heads, by Constantly Alarming them thereon, And Advising them to be upon their Guard, to all Which our Nation paid no Manner of Regard. — The Succeeding fall they like=wise Spoke with a String of Wampum to Awetharing=waghs (a Chief of Cayouga, Who with Some Families of Indians, then lived at Oughreni[a], on Lake Erie) desiring him to Observe how the English were Surround=ing them on Every Side, And would not fail Cutt=ing off the Indians within a very Short time. — Early last Spring the Wiandots, & Powtewatomis agreed to Send a Message with Eight Strings of Wampum each, to the Six Nations, Requesting them to Assemble at Junundat, al: Sandousky, in order to hold a Conference; These Messengers from the Detroit having left the Message with the Senecas, they Sent Persons with it, thro' all

[a] i.e: Presqu'Isle.

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the Nations as far as Oneida intending to Acquaint the Mohocks afterwards therewith; but None of the Nations taking Notice of the first Message, the Senecas Sent a Second, Which being likewise disregarded, they began to Consult together What was to be done, & at length agreed to Send Deputys to the Meeting, & take with them Some Shawanese & Delawars. These Deputys were Charged to know the real Sentiments & Resolutions of the Wiandots, Whether they were for War; as for:=merly they Expressed themselves, or would not rather Incline to Peace, & thereby prevent the Effusion of Blood. The Belt Which was Sent by them had for:=merly been left by Joncair[b], When he had his last In:=terview with Our Nation, One half of Which Belt Re:=presented War, & the other half Peace, Which the De:=putys were Charged Earnestly to Recommend & to labour to the utmost of their power for the preservation thereof; and on Discovery of the Wiandots intentions, they were to Return, and Report them to our Nation, Who would then hold a Meeting with the five Nations therein before they Returned any Answer to the Wiandots. Accordingly ten Deputys (all Young Men) Set out, the Chiefs of Whom were Takahaiadoris & Kayashota; there also Accompanied them Some Shawanese & Delawares; When

[b] Chabert Joncair, a French Partizan.

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these Deputys Arrived at Junundat, the Wiandots (finding the rest of the Six Nations did not Come) Called them to their Town near the Detroit; When they Came there Tahahiadoris Who Speaks French. Made Some Excuse for Crossing the River, & without Acquainting Kayashota, or the rest, went to the Interpreter, & told him that the five Nations Intended to be there within 10 Days, & would fall upon the English, & afterwards in presence of the Wiandots the Same was Repeated without the knowledge of the rest; but the Wiandots having Some Apprehensions, on Account of the Commanding Officers being Acquainted therewith, & finding that the Six Nations would not Come into Such Measures, to Endeavor to Clear themselves up the Belt to the Commanding Officer, throwing the Cause of the Whole upon the Senecas.

Kayashota, together with the rest of the Deputys were entirely Strangers to Tahahiadoris's behavior, And the Senecas have met with the most Injurious treatment, in that Kayashota was Accused thereof in Your Presence at the Meeting held at the Detroit last Year.—

Having now Opened our Hearts to You entirely on that Affair According to Your Desire, We hope You will not look upon that Man's behavior

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to have been either agreable to Us, or with our knowledge, & that You will not Charge our Nation with a design so foreign to their Intentions, es:=pecially as We now Declare it to be our Sincere Resolution to hold fast by the Covenant Chain, & preserve entire the friendship between Us, And We beg You will Consider these, as the real Sentiments of our hearts.—

We Shall now take our leaves for the present, And Shall Assemble to Morrow to Answer the rest of Your Speech.—

23d.

P.M. The Indians Sent to Acquaint Sir Wm Johnson that they were ready to Deliver their Answer, Where:=upon he went to the Place of Meeting, Where they were all Assembled.

Present as before,

The Chief of the Chenussios Addressed Sir William, as follows (first Repeating What Sir William had Yesterday Said to them.)—

Brother Warraghiagey,

The Reason that You do not see Many of Our Sachems at present here, is, that the Weather & Roads having been very bad, they were less able than we to travel, & therefore, We the Warriors, were Made choice of, to Attend You, &

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transact business; And I beg You will Consider that We, are in fact the People of Consequence for Managing Affairs, our Sachems being generally a Parcell of Old People, Who Say Much, but Who Mean or Act very little, so that We have both the power & Ability to Settle Matters, & are now determin'd to Answer You honestly, & from our hearts to Declare all Matters fully to You; We therefore Remove Every bad thought from Your heart, And beg Your Attention to What We have to say—

a Belt of 6 Rows.

Brother,

I Shall Answer You ingenuously concerning Kinderuntie— It is certain he is gone out to War, tho' with a Much Smaller party than You Mentioned, it consisting only of 50 Men, but 'tis with the Approbation of the English at Fort Pitt last Fall; and against the Cherokees, Who were then Your Enemies, for Which he was there Supplyed with Provisions & Ammunition both for himself & party; I therefore remove from You all bad thoughts on that head; And beg You will not Entertain any thing Evil concerning the Same as that is the real truth, with regard to the Destination of him & his Party—

a Belt of 8 Rows.—

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Then Conoghquieson, Chief Sachem of Oneida, arose & Said,

Brother

The Seneca Speaker being a little Indisposed, begs Your Excuse, & has Deputed the Speaker of Onondago in his Room.—

The Onondago Speaker then Addressed Sir William,

Brother Warraghiyagey,

I am on the behalf of My Brother to Answer You concerning the News You have heard about the Shawanese, of Which the Senecas have not had any Intelligence. For my part I own we have heard Such a Report, tho' we do not know as Yet any of the particulars but What the Bunt'sd Grandson Informs Us, that he was Some time ago in Company with Some Shawanese, Who with two Horses Loaded with Skins were going to Trade at Fort Pitt, When they were met with & Robbed by Some of the English, We therefore Conjecture if the Shawanese have Committed any hostilities, they Must have been Exasperated thereto by What I have Mentioned.—

The Cayugas then told the Onondago Speaker that they knew Something concerning it, Which they Communicated to him Whereupon he proceeded—

d a Chief Sachem of Onondago

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Brother,

I am Informed by the Cayugas, that the Nephew of the Chief Man of the Hurons, Named Aghstaghregch being Killed in the Battle at Niagara in 1759, the Hurons had last winter Sent out a Party towards Virginia, to Revenge his Death; And the Cayugas have likewise been Informed that three partys of Shawanese went out on Some bad design last fall; but as We have Thirty days before we left home Sent to Desire a Meeting as soon as possible at Chenussio, with the Hurons, Ottawas, Twightwees, Shawanese, & others to Promote Peace, and for the Preservation of the Publick Quiet, We Shall then Enquire into all these Matters & Acquaint You therewith — a Belt of 9 Rows —

Then he Repeated What Sir William had Said to them last Winter concerning Prisoners, after Which he proceeded.

Brother,

On our being Invited to the present Conference, We were so Desirous to Obey Your Call, & Come down to Settle Your Mind, that it was thought best our Warriors, and those Who could best travill, Should immediately Set out to Meet You; We have Accordingly brought two Prisoners, Which we now de=liver up to You, and have Sent to Collect all the rest,

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Who, together with those Who were not Used to travel with Snow Shoes Shall all be Sent down to You, as Expeditiously as possible; and we Shall also im:-mediately Send to our Nephews the Mounsies, and Cause them to Deliver up all the English Prisoners in their possession; We have likewise Six English Deserters, Whom we found in the Woods, almost Dead with Fatigue & Hunger, And having brought them home, & Maintained them for Some time, We Should be glad You would Inform Us, What we are to do with them, or how they are to be Disposed of.—

Gave a Belt of 6 Rows, & Delivered a bundle of Nine Sticks, being the Number of Prisoners, Which they had at Chenussio.—

Brother,

We have Consulted lately Amongst ourselves & Considered the bad Effects of Spirituous Liquor Amongst Us, & are therefore Come to a Resolution not to admit of, or Use any More, as We Discover it to be so destructive to all our People; We are very Much obliged to the General, in that We hear he has put a Stop to the Carrying of Rum amongst Us; and as We have even Staved What Liquor was in our Castle, We beg he will Continue to keep any More from Us, &

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not permit it to be brought into Our Country, on any Account Whatsoever. —

Gave a Belt.

Then the Speaker of the Oneidas Addressed Sir Wm. on behalf of their Alliance to the Same Purpose —

Gave a Belt.

After Which the Onondago Speaker Addressed the Mohocks, and after Repeating What they had Said Yesterday to the Six Nations, he Proceeded, —

Brethren of the Mohocks,

We Return You our hearty thanks for Your Speech, & Advice to Us Yesterday, not having heard You Speak for Some time; And as You are the head of the Confederacy, Your Silence turned our heads, & Occasioned great Uneasiness Amongst Us; We now therefore are highly pleased with What You have Said, and have taken great Notice thereof. As You never Attended our Conferences altho' You knew we had two places of Meeting, Onondago & Fort Johnson, We hope for the future You will, agreable to Antient Custom, Attend them more Closely, And that You will not fail being present at that Which we are Shortly to have at Chenussio. —

Brethren,

We are so well Satisfied with What You have Said to Us that we are resolved to fling

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away all bad thoughts, and agree to Every thing desired of Us; And now Brethren, We Desire You will drop all bad thoughts on Your Side, as we have been Informed that You Applied to the Hurons last Summer for a place of Settlement there, as You had no Lands left in these parts; We therefore Desire You will not think More of it, as it Might prove of fatal Consequence, Should You, the head of the Six Nations remove from Your present dwellings; And as we have Attended to, & Shall follow Your Advice, We beg in Return You will likewise take Notice, of What we have now said to You.—

Gave a Belt & a Bunch of Wampum.

After Which they dissolved for this day.—

24th.

P.M. The Indians Assembled again— Present as before.

Sir William Addressed them,

Brethren of the Six Nations,

As You have now Expressed Your Desire, and Intentions to preserve Peace, & have Made me so Many Assurances of Your friendly Disposition, and firm Resolutions to Maintain the Same, & to hold fast by the Covenant Chain, Which You declare to be Your real Sentiments & Determination; And as I am hopefull Your Conduct will Convince Me of

the Sincerity of Your Professions, I am now to Offer His Majesty's Protection & Royal Assurances of favor to all of You who are Desirous thereof, and May Deserve the Same, and to Declare to You that he has lately been graciously pleased to Send over Instructions to his Governor of this Province, Which will Effectually Secure You from being here=after Defrauded of Your Lands, or possessions, having ordered no more Grants to be Made but by him=self alone with Your Consents, declaring it to be His Royal Intentions to Support & protect You in Your Just Rights & possessions, & to keep Inviolable the Treatys And Compacts, Which have been Entered into with You.

To Such Indians therefore as are Desirous of Embracing His Majesty's Most Gracious Offers, I now Make a tender of the Antient Covenant Chain, Which I renew & Strengthen on the part & behalf of the English, & promise that the Same shall be kept Entire & Unbroken (as we have al=ways kept it) so long as You Continue not alone to profess, but to Act the Parts of Brethren & faithfull Allies; and I Expect You will be very Sincere & punctual in the Observance of Your present promises & Engagements, in Which, if You fail, the Consequence thereof Must prove fatal to

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Yourselves, as it Must prevent Us from Paying the least Regard to any Treatys, or Engagements Made with You.—

Gave the Belt of the Covenant Chain—

Brethren,

Having Strengthened & Renewed the Covenant Chain, I, in the next place, Open the Road of Peace And I level the Same, Clearing it from all obstructions so that it may be even & passable through all the Nations, thereby to Enable Us to travel without any Impediment Whatsoever, And I Expect You will Make it Your Study on Your parts to preserve the Same free and Open for ever—

a Belt.

Brethren,

I Give You thanks for the two Prisoners You have now Delivered up, and for the Promises You have Made of Sending the other Nine, as well as of Sending to Your Nephews the Mounsees for the Delivery up of all those Who are Amongst them; All Which I Expect You will not fail of Perform=ing as Soon as possible, Which will greatly Con=tribute to Strengthen Your present Engagements, and Incline Us to place Some Confidence in the Pro=fessions You have now Made.—

And with regard to those Deserters, Who are

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amongst You, on Your bringing them to one of His Majesty's Garrisons the Commanding Officer will receive them, & Satisfy You for Your Trouble; And I Must Desire You will not Screen, protect, or En=courage any of them for the future.— a belt.

Brethren,

I am glad You Approve so much of Sir Jeff: Amhersts Prohibition of Rum, Which was done with no other Design but to promote Your Wel=fare, and free You from What had proved of Pernicious Consequence to You; You May therefore be Assured that the Generals Orders on that head will be Punctually Observed; and that no Spirituous Liquor will be Carried up, or permitted to be Sold to You in Your Countrys or at the Posts, so that any Liquor, Which You May at any time See by the way, You May be Assured is that belonging to Sutlers for the Use of the Troops, and to be Sold to them only.—

And, as we have now Removed this Evil from You to Which You so frequently Attributed the Disorders You Committed, I hope You will Shew Your Gratitude for the Same, by using Your In-fluence in preventing all Irregularities from being Committed by Your People for the time to come, as they can have no Excuse or plea for such behavior

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hereafter; And I Expect that both Your Young & Old Men will treasure up, and preserve in re=membrance all that hath been said, & transacted at this Meeting; And that they will Adhere strongly to all the Engagements into Which they have now Entered. —

As I am hopefull You are Sincere in Your promises, & that You will be Steady in the performance of them, I purpose to Morrow to Confirm What I have said by delivering You a present, Which I hope You will Consider as an Instance of His Majesty's bounty and Generosity to all those, Who shall Study to Deserve his Favor. —

a Belt.

Then the Mohocks Addressed them — Abraham Speaker.

Brethren of the Confederacy,

On our parts I am now to Answer What You have said concerning our long Silence, and want of Attendance at Your Several Meetings. —

It is very true, We have not been present at them, as formerly, never having been Invited, or Called upon by You for that Purpose, notwithstanding We are the head of the Confederacy; Whenever our Presence is Required, We shall Meet You, & therefore We shall not fail to Attend Your Meeting at Chenussio, or any Other, Which May be Calculated

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for the Publick Good, and the promoting of Peace, Which We hope to be Your Present Intentions; And with regard to What You Say concerning our De=manding Lands from the Hurons, I am to tell You that Understanding the Cause of Our Brother Warraghiagey's Journey to Detroit last Year to be for the Advantage of Us all & for the promoting of Peace, Friendship & Alliance between the English & all Indians, so that they Might become one People, We Accordingly Sent Deputys with him to Afford our Assistance towards perfecting so laudable a Work, Neither did We Declare ourselves in want of Lands or Habitations We being no Wandering People, but a Nation determined to leave our Bones, Where those of Our Ancestors have been Deposited; therefore the Whole is a groundless Charge Against Us, Which the Deputys of Your Nations Who were present at the Detroit Meeting Must certainly have heard it Made, & therefore cannot but be Convinced of the falsehood thereof. — a Belt.

Then the Onondago Speaker in behalf of all the rest got up, & Returned Sir William thanks for What he had Said, as he did also to the Mohocks — then told Sr. Wm. that they would Say Something in the Morning in Answer to What he had Spoke to them, as also concerning

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the Delivery of the Present.—

At Night Three Sachems of Each Nation came to Sr. Wm. & Desired a private Conference with him, Which being granted, the Onondago Speaker Stood up, & after Desiring Attention Might be given to What he was going to Say, Proceeded with Acquainting Sir William What has passed between Thomas als. Tagaderiaghsera, an Oghquago Sachem, & the Governor of Boston, as also with What had passed between him & Mr. Woodbridge of Stockbridge, by Whom he said Woodbridge had sent a Speech to be delivered by Thomas, in the Name of a Thousand English Familys to the Six Nations relative to Lands on the Susquehannah — after Which he Expected their Disapprobation of Any Attempt being Made to Settle those Lands, least the good Work of Peace now happily Established might thereby be Overset, Alledging that, should any such Number of People Come to Settle in their Country they Must all Move away to Make Room for them, Whereby they Must be Ruined, it being their best Land as well as their Chief Hunting Country; they therefore asked Sir Wm. if he knew any thing thereof, begging he would let them know how it was, they being Strangers to any right Which the English had to these Lands. After Sir William had Acquainted them

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with the Nature of the Purchase Made by John Lydias of Albany, in behalf of a Number of People living in Connecticutt, and reproved them for their foolish Manner of Acting in Such Cases, as well as Cautioned them against Such Imprudent Steps for the future; he Concluded with Explaining to them His Majesty's late Instructions concerning Indian Lands, Assuring them that the King was Determin=ed to protect them in all their Just Claims, and hoped they would Render themselves Worthy of His Royal Favor & Indulgence.—

25th.

The Indians remained in Council together Untill afternoon, at 4 P.M. they Sent to Acquaint Sir Wm Johnson, they were prepared to Say Some=thing of Moment, upon Which he went to them.—

Present as before.—

The Chenussio Chief Kanadiohora Spoke as follows—

Brother Warraghiyagey.

You Recommend it to Us to Repent of What We had done; And I am now to Answer You, that the Evil Spirit hath certainly had power over Us, & the French had Persuaded Us to Many things of Which We now heartily & Sincerely Re=pent, & are Sorry for; and we beg You will Consider that our Repentance is Sincere, and from

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our hearts, & that we really & truly Mean What We Say; and we Desire all the Six Nations here present May be witness thereof, & that We now bury every bad thought in a bottomless pit, & Cover them with a Large Stone, so that they may never more arise to Disturb either You or Us.—

a Belt of 8 Rows.

Brother,

Finding that You have harboured some bad thoughts concerning Us, We now give You a Water, Which Shall Wash them all away; we likewise Sweep away all Evil things from about You, & Clear the Air by dispelling all Clouds & Vapours, So that the Sun May Shine brightly on You as formerly.—

a Belt of 8 Rows.—

Brother,

You have frequently Required Us to Deliver up all the English Prisoners Who were Amongst Us; we have Listened to You attentively, and are now Resolved to agree to Your Desire; and as We, the Chief Warriors, are the Most Active & Ruling People, we Shall not fail to See that they are all Delivered up to You immediately, So that not one Shall Remain; All Which You May Depend upon, and we hope that those People, Who have been at great Expence in Cloathing, and Maintaining

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them, will not be forgot on their Coming down; but that You will Consider them by giving them Something to make their hearts easy.—

Then Conoghquieson Sachem of Oneida Spoke as follows.—

Brother Warraghiyagey,

I am now Directed to Speak to You on behalf of all our Confederacy, as all Matters are so amicably Settled between You, & the Senecas, & the Covenant Chain renewed so that it May last for ever; We cannot but Express our great Uneasi=ness, at the ill treatment We Generally meet with at the Several Garrisons, such as the being debarred the Liberty of fishing, & our People for the Most frivolous Causes abused, threatned to be fired upon, & often Run at with Bayonets; this treatment We look upon as not only Unjust, but very Unbrother like; besides if We were Starving with Hunger (Which is often our Case) they will not give Us a Morsel of any thing; a Usage very different from What we had Reason to Expect, or were promised; And therefore We beg You will take the same into Consideration, & put a Stop to the like for the future; neither can we see that You have any Occasion for the Posts between the German Flatts & Oswego (Which We had been told were only to

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Remain for a time) as the French are now en:
=tirely Conquered.—

Gave a very long Belt of 14 feet.

Brother,

I am in the next place to Speak to You at the Request of the Women of the Six Nations, Who on Your first Summons were desirous to Come down, & Assist in the good Work, Which You had in hand, but afterwards were Informed You did not Desire their Attendance; however as it was always the Custom for them to be present on Such Occasions (being of Much Estimation Amongst Us, in that we proceed from them, & they provide our Warriors with Provisions When they go abroad) they were therefore Resolved to Come down, & hear the good Words, Which You had to Say, Which hath afforded them great Satisfaction; they now therefore hope You will Consider their fatigue in Coming so far, & that His present Majesty will follow the Same good Steps of His Royal Grand=father, by Considering their Wants, agreable to his Example, & Affording them Cloathing & Petticoats to Cover them, as our Warriors for want of Am=munition cannot take Care of them as formerly.—

a Belt 10 Rows.—

Then the Speaker of the Onondagas

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Spoke as follows. —

Brother Warraghiyagey,

We have carefully Attended to Your Speech, and Return You our Sincere thanks for Renewing and Strengthning the Covenant Chain; and we on our parts promise to do the same, as it is not our Custom to forget Such good Works, You shall find that we will preserve them faithfully in Our Memories, and take Care to keep the Chain bright & Lasting on Our parts for ever. — a Belt of 10 Rows with 4 Strings. —

Brother, —

We Return You Many thanks for Clearing the Road of Peace; And we, on our parts, promise to keep the Same free, open & Clear, so that we May both Use it, And pass thereon in Safety for ever; And that You, & the Mohocks May be always Enabled to Attend our Meeting place at Onondago, without Molestation, Whenever Your Presence May be required —

a Belt of 8 Rows.

Brother, —

Here is a Belt, Which You Delivered Us at Oswegoo in 1759, When on Your way to the Siege of Niagara, whereby You Assured Us that if You Conquered the French as You Expected,

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We then should be much happier than before, and be Enabled to Supply our Necessitys Cheaper than formerly; We therefore hope You will not forget Your Promise, as the Article of Trade is of the greatest Consequence to Us; We now give You this Belt to Remind You thereof.—

a Belt.

Brother,

We now Deliver You a Belt of the Covenant Chain Which was formerly given Us at Albany by One of the Governors; And as Our Chiefs, Who were present at that time are Mostly Dead, those Who are at present Alive, & Who Manage Our Affairs, would be very Desirous (as You know all these Matters) that You would remind them of the Particulars of What was Said thereon, We having no Records, great part thereof hath been forgot, Which we are Desirous to know and Observe.

Gave a large Covenant Chain belt.

Brother,

I am Directed to Speak to You on the behalf of the Warriors & Women of the Senecas, Who beg You will Consider their Wants, & Indulge them as formerly with a Smith to mend their Axes, & other Working Implements, as also to permit a Trader to Carry Indian Goods into

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their Country (but no Rum) as it is so far for them to go to Oswego, or Niagara for their Necessaries
Gave 2 Strings.

26th

P.M. Sir William Assembled all the Indians — Present as before.

Being all Seated he Addressed them as follows —

Brethren of the Chenussios,

I am very glad to find You are at length become Sensible of Your Error, Which You have now publickly Acknowledged in the presence of all the Nations, calling them witness Your Sincere promises of Ammendment & Reformation, Which I hope You are Unanimously Determined in, & that You will Consider Your Interest & Welfare Depends upon the Sincerity of Your present professions; from Which if You Should be imprudently led to Deviate, it Must Render You Odious to the Generality of the Indians, as well as bring upon You the Just Indignation of Your Brethren the English, Which I hope You will Study to Avoid. — I thank You for Removing any bad thoughts Which I had Entertained by Cleansing me with Water, Sweeping away all Evil from about me, & Clearing the Air; All Which I now perform on our parts for You, & hope it May be the last time there Shall be Occasion for the Same, as I Expect You

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will for the future, pay Attention to Nothing but What May tend to Our Mutual Welfare & Advantage.—

Brethren,

I am glad to find You Seem Determined to Deliver up all the English Prisoners yet amongst You, & will procure the Discharge of those in the Mounsies possession as it will be a proof of Your Desire to preserve Peace, & fulfill Your Engagements with Us; but at the Same time I cannot but be Surprized You Should Expect a Gratuity for having joyned with the Enemy, Made our People Prisoners, & detained them so long in Your Custody; This is a Request I can by No Means agree to, especially after the Many Murders Some of Your People have Committed without having Made Us any Satisfaction for the Same; I Expect therefore if You hope for a Continuance of Our Friendship You will, without fail, deliver up all the English Prisoners, Who are in any of Your Castles.—

Brethren of the Six Nations,

You have repeatedly Spoke to Me concerning ill treatment Which Your People receive at the Posts, & I have as often told You of the Behavior of Your People When Drunk, to Which I am Apprehensive such Usage May be in a great Measure Attributed.— The Posts between the German Flatts

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& Oswego, would not have been Erected if there had not been Occasion for them, neither is it our Custom to Abandon places of that kind even on a Peace, as a Wise People Should at all times be prepared against the Worst Which may happen; beside these Posts Afford a place of Shelter & Security to the Traders & their Goods, & Serve as Checks to prevent their defrauding You, as well as keep open the Communication with Your Countrys.— I Have already Acquainted You with His Majesty's & the General's Resolutions to protect, & do You all Manner of Justice, & Shall Lay your present Complaints before the General, Who, You may be Assured will not permit You to be ill treated so long as You behave Yourselves well.— With regard to Your not having Your wants Supplied at the Garrisons, it cannot be the fault of those Who Command them, they having no more Provisions than are Necessary for the Subsistence of His Majestys Troops, as it is Naturally Concluded You must now be Enabled to help Yourselves, and as Sir Jeffery Amherst has prohibited Rum from being Carried up, or Sold to You, I am Convinced it will not only prove a Means of putting a Stop to Your Irregularities, but also Incline You more to Assist Yourselves.

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and to follow Your Hunting & Trade as formerly for Your & Your Family's Subsistence, Which I earnestly Recommend to You as absolutely Necessary towards preserving our Esteem, & Making Your=selves happy.— a Belt.

Brethren,

When I Called You to this Meeting I really could not Discover any Necessity there was for the Presence of Women & Children, And there=fore I Called None but those Who were Qualified for, and Authorized to proceed on business, and altho' I am Obliged to Your Women for their Zeal, & Desire to promote a good Work, And know it is their Custom to Come down on Such Oc=casions, I could heartily wish that no More Per=sons would Attend any Meeting than were Neces=sary for the Discharge of the business on Which they were Summoned, I have Notwithstanding Provided Some Cloathing for the Women, with Some Ammunition, And Other Articles for the Warriors to Enable them to Subsist their Familys as formerly, & hope it will be Applied to a proper Use.— a Belt.

Brethren,

I Return You thanks for the hearty promises, Which You have Made of Strength'ning & holding fast by the Covenant Chain for ever; And

I heartily Wish You May Always have wisdom enough to Consider it as Necessary to Your Peace & Welfare; I likewise thank You for Your Promises of preserving the Road of Peace Open & free, So that we May Pass & Repass to, and from Each Other without Molestation; And I hope You will always continue to keep the Same in good Order.

Brethren,

I am Surprized You imagine there is any Occasion to Remind Me on the Article of Trade, Which I Regulated on the Most Advantageous Terms for You last Year, with Which You Must all be Acquainted; but You Must Consider that altho' the War is at an End in these parts, it Still Continues between the French & Us, so as to Occasion a Dearness of Goods for the Indian Trade, not=withstanding Which I believe You can have little Cause of Complaint, as I am Convinced You Must be Sensible of the good Effects of these Regulations, Apparently Calculated for Your Advantage — a Belt

Brethren

As the Volume of Indian Records containing the Proceedings When the Belt of the Covenant Chain was formerly given You, is at My House; I cannot at Present repeat Each Particular to You,

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but as I was then present, I can Inform You that the purport thereof was a Renewal of the Antient Covenant Chain of Friendship formerly Established be=tween Your Ancestors & Ours, that we Should be United in Friendship, and Alliance, & form one body together, Which Alliance I hope Neither time nor the Death of Your Chiefs Shall ever Occasion You to forget.—

Brethren,

The Senecas having now made Me so Many fair promises of Amendment, & of preserving Peace, & Cultivating Friendship with Us, Which I am hope=full it is their Intention Strictly to Adhere to, has Induced Me to Comply with their Request of a Smith to Reside in their Country as formerly, & Shall procure One for that purpose; But, as the Regulations Which I made last Year puts the Indian Trade Under the Inspection of the Officers at the Several posts, at Which the Traders Reside, in Order to prevent abuses & see Justice done You; I can by no Means, Allow You any Trade in Your Countrys, Where You May be liable to be Imposed upon without Redress, Which can=not be the Case at any of His Majesty's Garrisons, Where on a just Complaint You cannot fail of Obtaining Satisfaction.—

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Brethren,

The present being now ready, I Desire You will Make an Equal And fair Distribution amongst You of this fresh proof of His Majesty's Royal Bounty -

Then Delivered them the present Which they afterwards Divided amongst One Another. -

27th

The Indians Made Several Small demands & Applications to have their Guns, Tools, &ca. Mended, with Which Sr. Wm. Complyed. -

He likewise Delivered out Some private presents to a few of the Chief Sachems, & principal People of Each Nation. -

28th

The Cayougas on behalf of themselves & the Tederighrono's begg'd Sr. Wm. to let them have a Smith likewise to reside Amongst them Which he promised to take into Consideration. -

Shortly after the Chiefs of Each Nation Assembled, When Little Abraham, Chief of the Mohocks Spoke as follows. -

Brother Warraghiyagey,

We are now publickly to Repeat to You What we had before Said concerning our Lands on the Susquehannah River Which Colo. Lydias

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of Albany was Employed by the New England People to procure for them, & Which he pretends he has bought, altho' the Same was never fairly Sold, he having Made Some of Our People Drunk, & then persuaded them to Sign a Deed for it, & prevailed upon Others who had no right to Dispose thereof, to follow their Example; As to the Lands below these we Speak of, & Which the Pensylvanians purchased, We do not blam them, but we hope & Expect You will protect the rest, & not Suffer Us to be deprived of that Tract Which Lydias pretends he has bought, as We hear the People of New England are preparing to Settle thereon, Which they have no right to do, neither can We by any Means Approve thereof.—

a Belt of 7 Rows.—

Sir William Answered them,

Brethren

I Have heard much concerning the Lands You Speak of, & have always Opposed the Settling thereon.—

You May be Assured I shall omit Nothing in My power to Secure to You the possession of the Land You Speak of, & all Other Your just Claims, concerning Which You need be under no Apprehension after the Publication of His Majesty's Royal Instructions on that head, with Which I

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have already Acquainted You.—

After Which the greatest part of the Indians took their Leave & Returned home; the re=maineder Staid in the Neighbourhood, or went to Schenectady & Albany to Trade.—

A True Copy from the Records of Indian Affairs.

by

G Johnson Lieut of His Majesty's Independts as Secretary—

Speech of Timothy Woodbridge of Stockbridge.—

Brethren of the Five Nations,

I Speak to You all, & particularly to Your great Men; I Speak in the Name, & for a Thousand of Your English Brethren.

Six Years ago I asked You, to Sell me Some of Your Land on Susquehannah River, Your great Men took it into Consideration, & at Albany they Sold Me a Piece of Land, Which took the Land that is Called Skaunuhdohwauneh, & a great Piece of Land with it on both Sides of Susquehannah River.— Your great men took a great deal of Money of Me. I put my Money into Colo John Lydias's hand, and he gave it to Your great men. Your great Men have had Two Thousand Dollars of My Money, and about Twenty of Your great men have put their hands

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Made their Marks to a Deed, to Make the Land Mine. Some of Your great Men have took My Money. that have not Sign'd My Deed; Hendrick had a great deal of My Money; Seth of Scohare had a good deal of My Money for the Land, & told me they would put their hands to My Deed, but they died & did not put their hands; but a great Many of Your great Men did Sign My Deed in Col.o John Lydias's House at Albany, & there took My Money. –

Brethren,

You Must not Cheat me out of My Money, You Used to Stand to What Your great Men did, & I Expect You will now. –

Brethren,

I Say again You must not Cheat me, for the great God will punish You if You do, for he knows What You have done; he knows You have took My Money for the Land; and I have a great Many witnesses at Albany, that You Sold me the Land, & took My Money for it.

Brethren

Don't Say You was Drunk, & did not know What You did, for that is a Shame for Wise & great Men to Say; And I have Many witnesses that You was Sober When You Signed My Deed. –

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Brethren

If I Should think good to Settle a Town, on the Land You Sold Me next Spring, or any time with one Hundred Families, You Must not think hard, or do Me any hurt, because Your great Men have Sold me the Land, & took a great deal of My Money for it.—

Brethren,

I hear that Onas [I] Says that the Land You Sold to Me is his, & that if I come to Live on the Land he will tell the Indians to kill My Cattle, & if I won't go away, then he will tell the Indians to kill Me.

This is bad Advice, & You must not hearken to Such Words from any body.—

Brethren

If You hear I am on the Land, think no hurt, let Some of Your Wise Men come to Me in a friendly Manner, for I am Your friend, hear no Vain words, for Such Words are Poison. If Onas Say the Land is his, let him try; the English have a great & good King, good Laws & good Courts; Why Should You Quarrell for him, he don't want the Land for You but for himself.—

[I] the Proprietor of Pensylvania

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Brethren,

I Say, if You hear I am on the Land, Let Some of Your wise Men come & talk with Me, And as Friends We will Settle all things, & You shall be well treated.—

Brethren,

I send You My words by Your Brother & my brother Thomas, & let me hear You speak as soon as You can; he knows Where I am, & can tell You Where I am.—

Solohkuhwaunch—

A True Copy of a Speech Sent from Timothy Woodbridge of Stockbridge, by Thomas of Oughquago, to the five Nations

Guy Johnson Lieut. of His Majesty's Indept. Acting as Secretary

Endorsed Copy / Proceedings—/ at a Meeting & Treaty held / by Sr. Willm. Johnson, with the / Six Nations April 1762—/ with the Speech of a Stockbridge / Indian concerning Some Lands / on the Susquehanna River / Enclosed in Sr. Wm. Johnson's Letter, to Sir Jeffery Amherst of 21st May 1762 / in Sr. J. Amherst's of July 20: 1762 / No. 15.

General Return of the Second Division of Troops Embarked at New York, June 1762.—

	Regiments, or Corps.	Number of Men Including officers	Total
Regulars	58th. Regt. Anstruther's	590	
	Gorham's Rangers	255	845.
Provincials	New Yorkers	477	
	Connecticutt, on Board the Emera Transport, with Gorham's Rangers, 1 Lt. 1 Sergt. & 6 Privr.	8	485.
Prisoners on Board the Delaware Transport, with Gorham's Rangers	David Wood of the 22d. Regt. Hugh McGuire of the 40th. Thos. Ronsimon of the Indepts.	3	3.
		Total.	1333

N. B. There are likewise 121 Recovered Men, belonging to the Several Regiments in the West Indies, on Board the Diamond & Free Mason Transports, particular Lists of their Names will be Delivered by Lieut Day of Burton's, who has the Care of those in the Free Mason, & Ensign Pittman of the 15th. Regiment, who goes in the Diamond.—

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List of the Transports for the Second Division of Troops. New York, June 1762.

Vessell's Names	Master's Names	Burthen Tons	Troops Embarked.
Britannia	Smith	187	58th Regt. Anstruthers.
Pelling	Davidson	168	
Young Samuel	Scott	216	
Betsey & Salley	Mc Clelland	184	
Anne	Hopper	162	
Emera	Mc Carty	157	Gorham's Rangers.
Delaware	Creighton	168	
Sloop York & Halifax	Cobb	84	
Pensylvania	Gardner	265	New York Provincials.
Briton	Wilkinson	167	
Kathe & John	Newell	162	
Hopewell	Stockton	185	
Free Mason	Robinson	152	Lt. Way of Burton's with Recover'd Men, belonging to the Regiments in the West Indies.—
Diamond	Mackay	133	Ensign Pittman of the 15th Regt. with Ditto.

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Copy -

New York June 28th 1762

My Lord

Since my letter to your Lordship of the 4th instant by Colonel Burton, I am honoured with your's of the 5th May, by M: Genl. Monckton who narrow=ly escaped, being taken by two of the enemy's Ships, which he crossed in his passage four days after he sailed from Antigua, the Lizard had a Schooner in tow with the General's baggage, & by letting her loose to fall into the enemy's hands, the Lizard got off, one of the two, they supposed to be a two decked Ship.

On the 16th the transports with the sick, & wounded, from Martinique arrived here, all except one which had parted company, & is since come in, the men have recovered in a most surprizing manner, in their passage, as I had them im=mediately examined to dispose of them in different classes, 121 were reported to me as fit to join their Regiments, as ever they had been, & out of the whole which is 554 at present there are not 100 remaining in the Hospital, the rest are in the country. I send to your Lordship such as on full examination are returned quite fit for ser=vice, for they are better than three times the number

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of any other troops, I could send you, & 'tis more for their benefit, that they should be with the Regiments they belong to, than separated from them.

When I last wrote to your Lordship, I was in hopes the first division would have sailed a few days sooner than it did, but you will have been acquainted with the accident of the Man of War running aground, & other little delays, which retarded them unavoidably.

I now dispatch the 2d division which I fear must be late, but I could not possibly get them away sooner, these troops have their provision, & ammunition on board in the same proportion as the first had, & no alteration in any thing, except that they have bedding only for two thirds, which I am sure they will find full sufficient. Your Lordship will see by the enclosed lists their numbers, & as embarked on board the transports which go under convoy of the Ships I mentioned in my last, to which I have now added the Lizard frigate, the fleet being under the command of Capt. Banks.

I am thoroughly of your Lordship's opinion about rum, the pernicious effects of which has been often severely felt, and I have alwaӱs laboured, to keep it out of the Army.

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The Arms on service will certainly wear, the Regiments at the time the establishment was reduced, kept the best they had, & they were in good order when they went from hence, & the first division of troops that join you from hence, have exchanged any arms that were faulty, as the 2d. division has now done.

I applied instantly on the receipt of your letter to the Contractors Agents here, to collect all the money they could, & they sent an express to Boston, in hopes of procuring in time a large Sum from thence, but none arriving, I can only send every farthing that can be picked up here, which is shipped on board the Lizard, a copy of the Invoice is enclosed by which your Lordship will see the particular sums.

I am much obliged to your Lordship for the intelligence you give me, of the enemy's force, under the command of Monsr. de Blenac & Monsr. de Belsunce &ca. Capt. Arbuthnot's letter which you mention I received. Monsr. de Jumilliac's re:quest is frenchman like.

I hope your Lordship will be confirmed in the good opinion, you are pleased to entertain of the American troops, & am pleased to find you think well of the Regiments you have brought

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from England, which I doubt not will distinguish themselves under your command. I wish with all my heart the American troops were more com:=pleat, if the Provinces perform what they have promised, the troops will be compleated, but as yet the Recruits come in very slowly.

The last of the troops of the 2^d division are embarking this morning, & I expect will sail this afternoon. The Provincials are under the com:=mand of Col: Brewerton of the New York Troops, & Lt Col: Agnew who will deliver this to your Lordship commands the Regulars.

I have nothing further to add than to repeat my most earnest wishes for your Lordship's suc:=cess in every undertaking, & that I am &^ca:

Jeff: Amherst.

P.S.
I send some cloathing belonging to the Reg^ts under your Lordship's command, the enclosed invoice will shew the particulars, and how shipped.

J A

R^t Honble Earl of Albemarle.

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Copy. —

New York 20th July 1762

My Lord!

By an Express I have this morning re=ceived from Boston, it appears to be out of any doubt, that the enemy have landed at St. John's on Newfoundland; This intelligence is come just in time for me to send it to Admiral Rodney, by the Lyon Armed Ship that sails this day for Martinique, & I write to Sr. Geo: Pococke, & send him all the particulars, desiring Admiral Rod=ney to forward them immediately, as I have no other opportunity of sending them from hence. The Lyon being ready to sail, I won't detain her by transmitting to your Lordship duplicates of what I enclose to Sr. Geo: Pococke, but have desired him to acquaint you of them.

I enclose to your Lordship a letter I had wrote to you, which was a little too late to over=take the second division, & the letter, & Cash was brought back, & the last is ready to be sent to you by the first opportunity that may offer.

I have only to repeat my assurances of the Respect & Esteem with which I have the honour to be &ca.

Jeff: Amherst.

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P.S: I enclose you extracts of my letters to Admiral Rodney, & Gov.r Rufane that your Lordship may be fully informed of what I have done in regard to Provisions. —

J A

Rt. Honble. Earl of Albemarle.

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Copy 1.

New York, 20th July 1762.

Sir,

As the Lyon Armed Ship is not yet Sailed, having been Detained for want of Hands, I take the opportunity of Sending you by Captain Shackerly some Intelligence which I have received from Boston, concerning a Spanish, or French Fleet that has been Seen on the Coast of Newfoundland:– The Papers Mark'd No. 1 & 2, were Transmitted to me by Governor Bernard a few days ago, & I was then willing to think these Vessells would have turned out to be some Victualers Bound for Quebec, which were Expected from Europe; but this morning I have received from Govr. Bernard the Papers No. 3 & 4, which Carry with them proofs of the Enemy being there, that can hardly Admit of a Doubt.–

As I could have no way of Sending you this Intelligence, if the Lyon had been Sailed, I am glad Captain Shackerly met with the Delays that Stopt him.– I Enclose you a Letter for Sir George Pococke, Containing the same Intelligence that I now Send to you, which I must Request you will forward to him Immediately, without Waiting for the Provision Vessells which I

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mentioned in my Last, as it is of the greatest Importance that he should be made Acquainted with it.–

I Know not what Number of Vessells you have with you, but I am Certain you will take such Measures as you Judge best for Sending some Succours for the protection of this Coast, which at present is Entirely Bare, from Newfoundland to Florida, there being only the Northumberland at Halifax; the Launceston at Boston, ready to Convoy the Mast Ships to Europe; and the Syrene Frigate at Halifax, which brought the Above Intelligence to that place, as appears by the following Para=graph of a Letter I Received from Colonel Forster, Dated at Halifax the 1st Instant.– "I Make "no Doubt but Lord Colvill will Acquaint you "by this Opportunity with the Arrival last Night "of His Majesty's Ship Syrene, Capt Chas. Douglass, "from the Newfoundland Station, in order to In=form him of Five Ships, Supposed to be Spanish "Men of War which were Seen on the 21st June "about Eight Leagues to the Eastward of St. John's "Harbour, by One Wood, Master of a Schooner, who "made Oath, that he was very near One of them, "who Ordered him to Lower his Sails, but that he Escaped by favor of the Night coming on

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" after having been many times fired at by the
" Musquetry of the Ship: Capt. Douglass Sent ashore
" a Lieutenant and Twenty five Marines, in Case
" their Service might be wanted at the Fort, and
" Sent also Five Sailors to Man a Small Sloop
" belonging to the Government, to Serve as an Advice
" Boat, to Send hither if the Enemy should Appear;
" I am Informed that His Lordship purposes to
" take a Cruize that way Immediately, in order
" if they are Frigates, or Privateers, to take, or
" Drive them off the Coast." The Above I re-ceived by the last post, but I had no Letter from Lord Colvill. –

It Having been Reported to me within These few days, That among the Vessells taken at the Reduction of Martinique, was the Nancy Transport, which had been taken by the Enemy with Capt Le Geyt, & Some of the Royal Welsh, on their passage to Dominique, I applied to the Owner, as I had paid him by Warrant, bearing Date the 6th Septr. 1761, the full Value of the said Vessell, amounting to £1125 Sterling; And he has now presented to me a Certificate, of which the Enclosed is a Copy, Setting forth that She was actually Retaken at the Reduction of Martinique, and Sold by your Orders: The

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Crown having paid for her as Above, you will be pleased to give the Necessary Directions for its being Reimbursed what is Customary in like Cases.—

For the Reasons Contained in my Last, and as the Lyon is the only Ship of Force that I have here, I must Repeat my Request that you will Order her back to this place, as soon as you Conveniently can.—

I am, with great Truth & Regard,

Sir,

&ca.

Jeff: Amherst.

His Excellency
Admiral Rodney. }

Endorsed Copy./ Letter from Sir/Jeffery Amherst to Admiral/ Rodney—/ Dated New York, 20th July 1762./ Enclosing him the Intelligence/ received from Boston, &ca, of/ a Fleet belonging to the Enemy/ being on the Newfoundland Coast;/ And likewise Enclosing a Packett/ Containing the Same Intelligence, for Sir Geo: Pococke, which he/ Desires the Admiral will/ forward, without delay, to Sir/ George—/ in Sr J. Amherst's of July 20: 1762/ No. 22.

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Copy.

New York, 20th July 1762.

Sir,

A Few days ago I Received a Letter from Colonel Foster at Halifax, of which the Enclosed is an *Extract, and at the same time Govr. Bernard at Boston Sent me the two Papers herewith, Mark'd No. 1 & 2, Containing Intelligence of some Spanish or French Men of War having been Seen on the Coast of New-foundland. I Was then Willing to think that those Vessells would turn out to be some Victuallers bound for Quebec, which were Expected from Europe; but this Morning an Express from Boston has brought me the Papers Marked No. 3 & 4. which Carry with them proofs of the Enemy being on that Coast, which can hardly Admit of a Doubt—

*This Extract may be seen in the General's Letter to Admiral Rodney of this date.

It was lucky that the Lyon Armed Ship which I was Sending to Martinique was not Sail-ed, as it is the only opportunity I could have from hence of Acquainting you with this Intelligence, as I Enclose this to Admiral Rodney, to whom I send the Same Intelligence, that if he has any Ships to Spare, he may Order them this way, of which he will of Course Acquaint you; And I have Re-quested him to forward my Dispatches without Delay,

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to you, as I am hopefull before they can Reach you, that the Business where you are, will be so far Accomplished, as to Enable you to Spare a Sufficient Force (without Retarding, or Obstructing, in the least Degree, any future Operations that may be Intended) for the protection of this Coast, which is at present Entirely Bare, from Newfoundland to Florida, as I know only of the Northumberland at Halifax, the Launceston which was Lately at Boston ready to Convoy the Mast Ships to Europe, and the Syrene that brought the Above Intelligence to Halifax, as appears by Colonel Forster's Letter. I Have not heard from Lord Colvill, but it would seem by what Colonel Forster Says, that His Lordship was preparing to take a Cruize to=ward Newfoundland; Altho' I Conclude he will not think it safe, on hearing more certain Ac=counts of the Enemy's Superior Force to the North=umberland.

I Cannot think that they have such a Number of Troops on Board as the Intelligence makes them; for it seems Incomprehensible to me that the Spaniards should think of Attacking Newfoundland, at a time when the most In=teresting Parts of their own Dominions are at Stake; yet if they have a Sufficient Force or that

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the Ships from the Cape should Joyn these, they might do great Mischief up the River St. Lawrence, if they Venture, or on this Coast, Considering the Defenceless State it is in at present.—

As the Lyon is just ready to Sail, & that I can't think of Detaining her, I have not time to Send Copys of this Intelligence to My Lord Allemarle, & therefore I must beg you will be pleased to Communicate the Whole to His Lordship.—

I am, with great Truth and Regard,

Sir,

&ca

Jeff Amherst.

His Excellency—
Sir George Pococke }

Endorsed Copy / Letter from Sir / Jeffery Amherst to Sir / George Pococke — / Dated New York, 20th July 1762 / Enclosing the Intelligence of the / Enemy's Fleet being on the / Coast of Newfoundland, &ca / in Sr. J: Amherst's of July 20: 1762 / No. 23.

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No. 1.

Ganeston Meers, Master of a Fishing Vessell Declares that on Sunday June 27th he met with a Brig on the Bank Vert, Lat 46. having a great Many Men, & About Fifty Women, besides Children on Board, who gave an Account that on thursday June 24th 3 Spanish Men of War of the Line, 1-80- 1-70- & 1-60 Guns, & a Fri:=gate, came to the Bay of Bulls, between Ferri:=land and St John's, & Chased a Brig on Shore, with Above 100 Soldiers from Ireland, who all got on Shore, but the Brig was taken, Then they came on shore, & killed all the Cattle they met with, & Drove the People off, most of whom got to Another Harbour, and there found two Brigs & a Schooner, on whom they got on Board; One of which Brigs was her he Spoke with, & the other two Vessells were in Sight; They also said that a Fishing Vessel got into St John's, who Said that they Saw them Sink Ten Fishing Schooners on the Grand Bank; That the Governor of St John's had got all his Garrison together, & had Sent an Express to Halifax; And there were Several more Spanish Vessells on the Bank who were Expected to joyn the Men of War before mentioned;

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And that it was Expected that they would Attack St. Johns – There was an English 70* Gun Ship at St. Johns

Ganeston Meers

Suffolk Castle William
July 11th 1762 –

Sworn before me
Thos. Goldthwait Justice o'Peace.

* This must be the Antelope of 50.

No. 2

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No. 2.

Samuel Dogget, Master of the Sloop Swallow Declares that on Sunday the 4th of July Inst. He Left Halifax in Nova Scotia; That on the Sun=day preceding (to the best of his Remembrance) The Syrene Frigate Arrived there from Newfound=land, and that the next day after her Arrival, He Saw the Purser of the Northumberland, & heard him Relate — That the Syrene brought an Account that a Fishing Vessel had Arrived at St. John's the Master whereof Declared, that on the Banks he had Discovered Five Large Ships & a Frigate, Supposed to be Spaniards, who Fired a hundred Canon, & Some Vollies of Small Arms, in order to bring him to, but that he Escaped in a Fog, and upon his Arrival at St. John's, Ac=quainted the Commanding Officer herewith, whereupon a Shallop was Dispatched to Ferriland with an Account thereof to Capt Douglas of the Syrene, who thereupon Sailed for Halifax to Acquaint Lord Colvill with this Account.

He further Says, that he Heard at Hali=fax, that the Syrene on her passage spake with about the like Number of Ships, One of which had been an Indiaman, bound up the River, who gave him an Account, that they had fired at a

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Schooner, which upon Comparing Accounts was found to be on the Same day that the Fisherman, who brought the Account to St. John's, gave an Account of his being fired at —

Samuel Doggett

Boston 11th July 1762.

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No. 3.

Silas Atkins Master of the Schooner Dolphin, Declareth, that he Left the Harbour De Grace in Newfoundland, the 27th of the last Month; that before he Left that place, Advice came that there was About 3000 French Troops Landed on the 24th at the Bay of Bulls, who Marched in two Days to St. John's, & Laid Siege to it, & that it was Sup=posed it would be taken, but no certain Advice came of it, before he Sailed away, but that there was a great Firing heard that day at St. John's; that the French Force in the Bay of Bulls, Consisted of 3 Ships of about 70 Guns, 1 Frigate of 40 & a Bomb; that there was out at Sea off the Bay of Bulls, 5 More Ships of the Enemy, some of which was of 70 Guns, but how many they could not Say; That the French General had Published a Manifesto, a Copy of which he has pro=cured, & Compared it with the Original; that many Boats came into the Harbour De Grace with Inhabitants, many of whom he knew, and he has brought about 20 with him; that he Believes many had Returned to their Habita=tions in Consequence of the French General's Manifesto; that they Seemed Disposed to preserve the place & keep it; That he could not

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Learn that they had done any Mischief upon the Banks.

Silas Atkins

Boston at

Castle William July 16. 1762.

Sworn to before me

Fra Bernard.

No. 4.

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No. 4.

Copy of the French General's Orders.

We Count D' Hauson Ville French General, Do Declare to all the Inhalitance of the Island of Newfoundland, that the French Grendares Landed on the said Island, We shall not do them any Harm, but shall protect them, if they do not take Armes, but if they give Necessary Succours, We Bound them Expressly, as well of these Justices of Peace & principal Planters, nither to Defend them=selves – if they do any thing against the said Declaration, they shall be treated According to the Laws of War.

Satterday June 26. 1762.

Sign'd

Le Compt. De Hosson Ville

Endorsed Copies of the Intelligence / of a Spanish or French Fleet, / being on the Coast of / Newfoundland – Referred / to in Sir Jeff: Amherst's / Letters to Sir Geo: Pococke & / Admiral Rodney of ye 20 July / 1762 / in Sr J. Amherst's of July 20 / 1762 / No. 24.

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New York 15th August 1762.

My Lord

I did myself the honour of writing to your Lordship on the 20th July to acquaint you of the intelligence I had then received of the Enemys having several Ships of War on the Coast of Newfoundland, and their landing some Force on the Island, since which I have received some reports confirming that intelligence, the last of which is by a Master of a Vessel who made his Escape from St. Johns on the 6th July, and by his declaration it appears the Enemy intend to keep possession of that Place.

On weighing the whole together I did not hesitate a moment in determining to collect all the Force I could to dislodge the Enemy in hopes that Lord Colvill may be reinforced in time, with a sufficient number of Ships, either from Europe, Rear Admiral Rodney, or Sir George Pocock, to proceed with the Troops, which I have put under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Amherst, who Sailed from hence yesterday with the Transports, Artillery, and two Companys formed from the recovered men of nineteen Battalions.

I enclose to Your Lordship a Copy of my Instructions to Lt. Col: Amherst, and lists of the whole

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I have ordered for the above Service. I shall be happy, My Lord, that the Measures I have judged right to take on this occasion, meet with His Ma=jesty's gracious Approbation. Halifax and Louisburg will be allmost drained of Troops, but I flatter my=self no bad consequence can ensue, as this Com=mand will be near at hand to protect that Coast.

I have been necessitated to give part of the Artillery and Stores that I acquainted Lord Allemarle, I could take with me from hence, these I shall try to replace in the best manner I can, if they should be wanted, at all Events Your Lordship may be assured it shall not delay a moment the future intended Operations.

I have judged it necessary to make appli=cation to the Governours, as I did last year, for continuing in pay the same number of Troops for garrisoning the several Posts and keeping up the communication through the Country, and on this oc=casion to try once more, to enforce the necessity there is, of the Provinces raising the Recruits for the Regular Corps.

On the 1st of August the Duke of Cumber=land Packet boat arrived here, and I was honour=ed with your Lordships Letter of 12th June, with a Duplicate of your Letter of 17th Aprill, the

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receipt of which I acknowledged on the 15th June

The last Letters I have from Canada are of 26th July, when there were four Provision Ships from Cork, and three from London arrived at Quebec, Eight more were missing which Governor Murray despaired of as the Wind had been very fair several days: the Albrough Man of War arrived there the 20th of the month, the Captain had intelligence of the Enemys being on the Banks, and thought it was a Spanish Squadron.

I have not received any Accounts from the Havanna: a Vessel is arrived at Philadelphia, the Master of which, I am told, saw the second Division in the Bahama Streights the 22d of July, and was on board of the Lizard.

Though there is but one Packet boat here, I dispatch her, that your Lordship may be informed of the Transports and Troops being sailed for Halifax; for which I have armed the James in the best manner I could, to make their passage safe to that Place.

I am with the utmost Respect

My Lord / Your Lordships

Most Humble

and most Obedient Servant.

Jeff: Amherst.

Right Honourable
Earl of Egremont.

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Schedule of Papers Referr'd to, in Major General Sir Jeffery Amherst's Letter to The Right Hon.ble The Earl of Egremont, Bearing Date at New York 15th. August 1762.

No.1. Copy./. Sir Jeffery Amherst's Instructions to Lt Colonel William Amherst; for Dislodging the Enemy who have Landed on Newfoundland . . . . 13th. Augst 1762.

No.2.. Do. . . Schedule of Papers Enclosed with the above Instructions. –

No.3. . . . . . List of the Troops Ordered to Form the Corps under Lt Colonel Amherst.

No.4. . . . . List of the Royal Artillery, & Engineers, with Artillery, Ammunition, & Intrenching Tools. –

No.5. . . . . List of the Hospital, &ca. –

No.6. . . . . List of the Transports.

No.7. . . . . Accot. of Provisions on Board the Transports.

No.8 Copy./. . Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst to Lord Colvill; Acquainting His Lordship of his having Come to a Resolution to Send a Corps of Troops Immediately under the Command of Lt. Colonel Amherst, for Dislodging the Enemy who, it seemed, had taken Post at St. John's on Newfoundland; And Desiring His Lordship's Assistance, when he thinks, he has sufficient Force to Face the Enemy &ca . . . . 9th. Augst.

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N.º 9 .. D.º .... Letter from D.º .. to D.º .. That as the Transports are just ready, he had Delivered his Instructions to L.t Colonel Amherst, for the Intended Operations, of which he would fully Inform Lord Colvill; And the General Desires His Lordship will Furnish Every Aid he can from the Ships, & Acquaints him, that he had particularly Recommended to L.t Col Amherst to do Every thing in his power for keeping up a strict Harmony between the Land & Naval Troops &c.a 1762 13.th Aug.st

N.º 10. Copy ... Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst to M. General Bastide; Desiring he will Order Capt Debbieg to be ready to Attend L.t Colonel Amherst as Engineer; & if the Captain Chuses, he may take with him Ensign Bastide .. 9.th Aug.st

N.º 11. D.º ... Letter from D.º to Colonel Forster Ordering him to get Ready Three Compleat Comp.ys of the Royal; Two D.º of Montgomerys; with Five Hundred Provincials, against the Arrival of L.t Colonel Amherst at Halifax . . . . 9 Aug.st

N.º 12. D.º .. Letter from D.º ... to D.º .. Enclosing a Duplicate of the Above, & Desiring he will Forward the Embarkation of the Troops, when L.t Col: Amherst Arrives, &c.a . . . . 13 Aug.st

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No. 13 .. Do. ... Sir Jeffery Amherst's Orders to the Colonel; or Officer Commanding the Provincial Troops at Halifax, for Forming a Detachment of 500 Men, to be Ready against the Arrival of Lt. Colonel Amherst; And Likewise 100 More to go to Louisbourg .... 9th Augst. 1762

No. 14. Do. .. Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst to Lt. Governor Belcher; Acquainting him of his Intentions of Drawing off part of the Troops from Halifax, to be Employed in Dispossessing the Enemy from Newfoundland, &ca. 9th Augst.

No. 15 Do. ... Letter from Do. .. to Lt. Colonel Tulleken; Ordering him to have Five Companys of the 45th. Regimt. Ready to Embark, when Lt. Colonel Amherst Sends Transports to Louisbourg to Receive them; And that he himself was to Joyn Lt. Col Amherst; Leaving a Captain to Command at Louisbourg, to which Place the General had Ordered One hundred Provincials from Halifax .... 9th. Augst.

No. 16 Copy/. .. Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst to Lt. Colonel Tulleken; Enclosing a Duplicate of the foregoing; And Repeating his Desires, that the utmost Expedition might be Used in Embarking the Companys, on the Arrival of the Transports at Louisbourg .... 13th. Augst.

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No. 17. Do. ... Intelligence Received from Boston, which Determined the General to Send a Corps of Troops Immediately for Dislodging the Enemy at Newfoundland; the Informant having made his Escape from St. John's on the 6th July, when they were Employed in making New Works, &ca.

No. 18. Do. ... Sir Jeffery Amherst's Circular Letter to the Governors of New Jersey, New York, Connecticutt, Rhode Island, Newhampshire, & Massachusetts Bay; Demanding the same Number of Men from their Respective Governments that were left during the Last, to Occupy the Several Posts for the Ensueing Winter; And Containing some Remarks on the Backwardness Discovered by these Provinces in Complying with the King's Requisition for Furnishing Recruits to fill up the Regular Corps . . . . 1762 4th Augst.

No. 19. ..... Accot. of the Recruits Raised by the Several Provinces for filling up the Regular Corps, in Consequence of the King's Requisition, 1762

No. 20. ..... Accot. of the Victualling Vessels Arrived at Quebec, from Europe the 22d July 1762; And of those that are still Expected.

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Copy 1.

New York, 13th Augst. 1762.

Sir,

From the Several Reports of the Enemy's Landing on Newfoundland, & that by the Last it appears their Intentions are to Establish themselves at St. John's, I have Judged proper to Collect all the Force, I possibly can, of which I Enclose you a List, & which you are to take under your Command, for Retaking St. John's on Newfoundland, or any Other Place on that Island, the Enemy may have taken Possession of, or for Dispossessing them of any Other Hold they may have Attempted to take on Cape Breton, or Other Parts of the Northern American Coast.

For your full Information of Every thing regarding the Enemy's Enterprize, & the Measures I have taken, I Enclose you Copies of the Intelligence, & Extracts of my Letters to the Earl of Egremont, Sir George Pococke, Admiral Rodney, & Lord Colvill; by which you will See, it may be reasonably Expected Lord Colvill will soon be Joyned by a Sufficient Force, for your Proceeding on the Above Service. –

The Troops will be best for Service, kept in Six Distinct Corps: The Recovered Men of the

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Regulars, as a 1st and 2d Company of Light Infantry, & You will Form a 3d Company from the Five Hundred Provincials.—

First Battalion from the Comp^ys. of the Royal & Montgomery's
Second Battalion, from the Five Comp^ys. of the 45th.
Third Battalion from the Provincials—

Enclosed You have Lists of the Detachment of the Royal Artillery with Artillery Ammunition, Stores, & Intrenching Tools, which I judge sufficient and Right to Send for this Service; Also the Engineers I Have Named to Attend you, and a Surgeon & Mate of the Hospital, with a Due proportion of Medicines, & a Commissary of Stores & Provisions, are likewise Ordered from hence.—

And as it may be Necessary, during your said Command, for the Preservation of good Order & Discipline among the Troops, to Call One or more General Courts Martial, I herewith Enclose you a Warrant Empowering you to Appoint Presidents, & Deputy Judge Advocates to the Same & Forms of the Warrants Appointing them to Sit, which you will Conform to, as Occasion may Require.—

As I think it Necessary, for the prevent:=ing of Mutiny & Desertion, that you should be Authorized to Approve of the Sentences on such who may be Condemned to Suffer Death for those most

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Heinous Crimes, I have accordingly Granted you that Power in the Warrant Abovementioned.—

I Likewise Enclose you a List of the Transports that are provided here, & will Contain One Thousand Men; but more may be put in, if Necessary, as the Voyage will be but Short: They are Victualled & Watered for Three Months, & will be Ready Immediately: You are therefore to Pro=ceed with them (the Recovered Men being Em=barked) to Halifax, where on your Arrival, You will Acquaint Lord Colvill of the Orders I now give you, & Embark the Men that are to be Furnish=ed from that Place, as fast as possible; Sending Transports to Louisbourg, or Calling there, for the Five Companys of the 45th Regiment as Lord Colvill shall Judge best; And, by the same opportunity, you will Send to Louisbourg, One Hundred Provincials, with their Officers, for which the Commanding Of=ficer has already my Orders.—

If Lord Colvill should be Sailed before Your Arrival at Halifax, You will Joyn him as you See best, agreable to the Directions he may have Left for that purpose.—

If Troops should have been Sent from Eng=land sufficient to Retake what the Enemy has got possession of, You will Return as fast as

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possible to New York, with the Transports & Troops only you take from hence.–

But if the Enemy has Abandoned the Coast, & No Troops are come from England, You will Send of the Garrison of Louisbourg, as many as may be requisite, to take & keep Possession of the Places they have Abandoned; and you will Return here, as above directed: You will however, of Course, not Determine any thing on Hearsay, or without Cer=tain Advice.–

I need not Say any thing in regard to your manner of Landing & Attacking the Enemy: The Service you have Seen will best Guide you, when you are on the Spot; And You know my Opinion of Men being in their Waistcoats for Active Service: A Blanket Rolled up, is not an Incumbrance, is all they want; And Two or Three Days Provisions ready Dressed is a Necessary Precaution; 'Tis time Enough, when well posted, to Send for Tents, &ca.–

I Must Recommend that You Preserve the greatest Harmony with the Navy: You will See, I have Desired Lord Colvill, or Whoever may Command His Majesty's Ships, to give you all the Assistance he can; And you will, in like manner, when on Board, Order Every Help that the Soldiers can give to the Service of the Ships.–

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You will take any opportunitys that may offer, of Acquainting His Majesty's Secretary of State, of Your Operations; And when you have Compleatly Executed the Above Orders, Observing to take such Men as you may want for Garrisoning the Places, from the 45th Regiment, You will Order the Remainder of the Troops from whence you took them; the Transports afterwards to Return to New York; and you will Joyn me as soon as You can.–

I am,

Sir,

&c.

Jeff: Amherst.

Lt. Colonel William Amherst.

Endorsed. Copy of Sir Jeffery Amhersts / Instructions / To Lt. Colonel Wm Amherst / For Dislodging the Enemy who / have Landed on Newfoundland / Dated New York, 13th Augst 1762. / in Sr J. Amherst's of Augt 15: 1762 / No. 1.

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Schedule of Papers Enclosed with Major General Sir Jeffery Amherst's Instructions to Lt Colonel Wm Amherst, Bearing Date at New York, 13th August 1762.—

No 1. Copys of Intelligence Received from Boston & Halifax of the Enemy's having Landed on Newfoundland. Differt Dates

No 2 Extract of Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst to Lord Egremont . . . . 20th July 1762

No 3 Extracts of Letters from Ditto to Sir George Pococke & Admiral Rodney. . . . . 20th July

No 4. Copy of Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst to Lord Colvill. 22d July.

No 5 . . . . List of the Detachment Ordered on this Service

No 6. . . . List of the Royal Artillery, & Engineers, with Artillery Stores, Intrenching Tools &ca.

No 7 . . . List of the Hospital &ca.

No 8. . . . Warrant for Calling General Courts Martial &ca 13th Augst.

No 9. . . . Form of a Warrant for Appointing Presidents of Do.—

No 10 . . . Form of Do for Appointing Dep: Judge Advocates.

No 11. . . . List of the Transports.

No 12. . . . Accot of the Provisions on Board the Transports.

No 13. . . . Sketch of St John's, with an Account of the Fort, Place, & Environs..

No 14 . . . . Sketch of Placentia, with an Account of the Fort and Environs.—

NB. Duplicates of the General's Late Letters to Lord Colvill M. General Bastide, Colonel Forster, Lt Col: Tulleken, &ca, were Delivered to Lt Colonel Amherst, under Flying Seal, for his perusal.—

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List of the Troops Ordered to form the Corps Under the Command of Lt. Colonel Amherst. — New York 13th. August 1762

From Whence Taken	Regimts. or Corps	Manner in which they are formed	Number of Men Including officers	Total.
New York ..	Recovered Men Belonging to the Several Regimts. in the West Indies	1st. Compy. commanded by Capt. Maxwell of the 15th. ...	103	
		2d. Compy. Commanded by Capt. Chars. Mc. Donel of the 78 ..	88	
				191
Halifax ...	Royal	Three Compleat Companys Supposing 4 officers pr. Compy.	237	
	Montgomerys .	Two Compleat Companys Supposing 4 officers pr. Comy.	158	
	Massachusetts Provincials	Five Hundred Men ordered with officers in proportion which may be supposed to make in the whole ..	520	
				915
Louisbourg .	45th Regimt.	Five Companys Compleat Supposing 4 officers pr. Compd.	395	395
				1501
New York ..	Royal Artillery	2 Capts. Lieut: 1 Lieut: 1 Surgeon 1 Clerk of Stores, 1 Conductor, 1 Bombr. 2 Gunrs. 10 Mattrosses	19	
Halifax ..		1 Capt., 1 Lieut., 2 Serjeants, 2 Corporals, 2 Bombardiers 6 Gunners, 25 Mattrosses.	39	
				58
			Total	1559

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List of the Royal Artillery, Engineers, Artillery, Ammunition, & Intrenching Tools, Ordered for the Expedition under Lt. Colonel Wm Amherst; New York, 13th Augst. 1762.

Captain Ferguson } From Halifax.
Lieut: Eyre }

Capt. Lieut: Walton
Capt. Lieut: Wilson
Lieutenant Godwin
Mr. Bruce, Surgeon
Mr. Foreman, Clerk of the Stores
A Conductor
} From New York.

		Non Comd. Officers & Privates
1 Bombardier, 2 Gunnrs: 10 Ten Mattrosses	From New York	13.
2 Sergts. 2 Corpls. 2 Bombrs: 6 Gunners 25 Mattrosses	From Halifax	37
		50

Engineers

Captain Debbeig } From Halifax.
Ensign Bastide }

Proportion of Artillery, Ammunition & Intrenching Tools

			Proportion
Ordnance Mounted on Travelling Carriages Compleat	Heavy	24 Poundrs.	4.
		12 Do.	6.
	Light	12 Poundrs.	2.
		6 Do.	4.
Mortars on their Beds	Compleat	10 Inch	2.
		8 Do.	1.
		Royal	6.
		Cohorn	6.
Howitzer Brass, Mounted	Compleat	Royal	4.
Shells Empty		10 Inch	400.
		8 Do.	200.
		Royal	1200.
		Cohorn	2400.
Shot Round Loose		24 Poundrs.	1600.
		12 Do.	3000.
	Quick firing Ammunition	12 Poundrs.	600.
		6 Do.	1200.
Powder Copper Hooped		Whole Barrels	483.

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Intrenching Tools.

Axes	Felling	400.
	Pick	300.
Barrows	Hand	50.
	Wheel	50.
Hand Bills		200.
Hand Hatchets		200.
Shovells	Iron	* 200.
	Shod	200.
Spades		300.

* There are only Fifty Iron Shovells Sent from New York, but One Hundred & Fifty more are Ordered to be Delivered at Halifax.—

Endorsed List of the Royal Artillery, / Engineers, Artillery, Ammunition, / & Intrenching Tools, Ordered / for the Expedition under Lt. / Colonel William Amherst. / New York, 13th. Augst. 1762. / in Sr. J: Amherst's of Augt. 15: 1762 / No. 4.

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Officers of the Hospital Ordered to Attend Lt. Colonel Amherst, & Likewise the Name of the Dep: Commissary of Stores & Provisions. —

William Barr . . . Surgeon

James Ross . . . . Mate

With a Due proportion of Medicines.

Adam Mitchell, Deputy Commissary of Stores & Provisions. —

Endorsed List of the Hospital, / & the Name of the Dep: / Commissary of Stores & / Provisions, on the Expedition / under Lt. Colonel Amherst. / New York, 13th Augst. 1762. / in Sir J. Amhersts of Augt. 15: 1762 / No. 5.

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List of the Transports Ordered for the Expedition under the Command of Lt. Colonel Amherst. New York 13th. August 1762.

Vessells Names	Masters Names	Burthen Tons
James	William Cooper	624
Fanny	Archibald Gallreath	233
Black Prince	Andrew Dodd	193
Joseph and Nancy	Richard Taylor	183
William	John Waddel	128
Roebuck	Samuel Smith	186
Peggy	George Wardle — Loaded with Provisions	

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Acco.t of Provisions Shipt on Board Sundry Transports
Jeffery Amherst, for the Use of the Troops on the

	Pork	
	Barrels	Pounds
Shipt on Board Six Transports to Serve 884 Men for 90 Days......	215	45928
Shipt since 34 Firkins of Butter, Viz.t On Board the William 3. Fanny 6. Black Prince, Roebuck, & Joseph & Nancy 4 Each, & the James 13.....	....	....
Shipt likewise on Board the Snow Peggy Victualler, George Waddel Master—	..380	102030
Total	595	147958

N.B. There may be some more Provisions than the Above Shipt in the Peggy Vic=tualler, as a Sloop is Sent after the Trans=ports to the Hook, with some Flour & Rice if it can conveniently be put on Board the Peggy, without Retarding her Sailing.—

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at New York, by Order of His Excellency Sir
Expedition under Lt. Colonel Amherst

Bread		Flour		Butter		Rice			
Tierces	Pounds	Barrls.	Pounds	Firks.	Pounds	Tierces	½ Ti.	Bbls	Pounds
209	45315½	196	40137½	66	4364¼	60	2	5	33616
...	...	...	...	34	2248½	...	...	...	...
2	438	121	23837	342	23214½	..	1	..	268
211	45753½	317	63974½	442	29827¼	60	3	5	33884

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Endorsed Accot. of Provisions / Shipt on Board the Transports / for the Use of the Troops / under Lt. Colonel Amherst. / in Sir J. Amhersts' of Augt. 15: 1762 / No. 7.

Copy.)

New York, 9th Augt. 1762.

My Lord,

Governor Bernard having transmitted me, by the last post from Boston, some further Intelligence of the Proceedings of the Enemy at Newfoundland; whereby it appears, that they seem Designed to keep a Footing at St. Johns: From the first Intelligence of the Enemy's being there, I Ordered all the Transports I had here to be got in Readiness; And I am now come to a Resolution to Muster up all the Troops I can, in order to Dislodge the Enemy as soon as possible; for it may happen, that on the Receipt of this News in England, Some Men of War only may be Sent to Reinforce Your Lordship, to Drive the Enemy off those Seas, or that they will not Send Troops to Dislodge them from the Island. To Effect this Service, I shall take all the Recovered Men I can from hence, & I must Draw off the greatest part of the Troops at Halifax, & Louisbourg, which however can have Nothing to Fear from the Enemy you will be in Quest of: And I Flatter Myself Your Lordship will soon be Joyned by some Men of War, Either from England, or the West Indies, to Enable you to Encounter the French Ships: Lt. Colonel Amherst, who

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is to Command this Corps, will Sail in three days time for Halifax, with Transports from hence ready & Victualled for Three Months, & Sufficient to Carry about a Thousand Men, according to their Tonnage; but as I hope there will be above Fourteen Hundred in the Whole I must beg Your Lordship will Con:=trive to take the Overplus on board the Men of War, & such as cannot be conveniently put on Board them, must be Embarked in the Transports, as it will be a Short Voyage, & to the Northward.

I Send Lt Burns, with a Letter for Lt Colonel Tulleken, whom I must Request Your Lord:=ship will be pleased to Forward to Louisbourg by any Vessel you think proper, that the Master of the Dispatch Boat who Carries Lieut. Burns from hence, may Return Immediately, as I have Other Services for him; And the Letter to Lt Colonel Tulle:=ken Contains Orders for his having Five Companys ready to put on Board for the Abovementioned Service.

I Cannot, at present, Transmit Your Lordship a Copy of my Instructions to Lt Colonel Amherst, as they are not yet made out; but he will, on his Arrival at Halifax, or wherever he may meet you, fully Inform Your Lordship, of my Intentions; And I have only to Observe, that whenever you think, you have Ships sufficient, & can be of any Service, in

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proceeding to Sea, with the Force that may be with you, I would not have Your Lordship Wait a moment for the Arrival of the Transports, but that you will please to take on Board as many of the Men that I have Ordered Colonel Forster to have Ready as you think right; And Lt Colonel Amherst will Embark the Rest, as also those from Louisbourg, & Joyn you, wherever you may think proper to mention, for a Place of Rendezvous.

I Enclose Your Lordship a List of the Trans-ports that are to Sail from hence, with Lt Colonel Amherst; & likewise a Copy of my Orders to Lt Col Tulleken, for Your Lordship's Information: M. Genl Bastide & Colonel Forster will Communicate to You what I have Wrote to them on this Subject.

I am, with great Truth & Regard,

Sir

Jeff: Amherst

Rt Honble Lord Colvill.

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Copy./.

New York, 13th Augst 1762.

My Lord,

The Transports being now Ready, agreable to Mine of the 9th Instant, I have Delivered my Instructions to Lt. Colonel Amherst, for the Intended Operations, of which he will fully Inform Your Lordship, and I hope he will soon be with You.—

As Nothing can be more Conducive to the good of the Service in general, than the keeping up a Strict Harmony between the Naval & Land Troops, I have strongly Recommended to Lt. Colonel Amherst, carefully to Study not only to promote a Harmony with the Officers & Men of His Majesty's Fleet, but to Order Every Help that the Soldiers, while on Board, can give to the Service of the Ships; And I must Request Your Lordship, if you should think proper to go on this Service Yourself, will be pleased to Send all the Assistance you can Afford, Either in Marines, Sailors, or Artillery, that may be wanted on Shore: I Mention Artillery, as it may happen that some Guns from the Vessells may be Judged requisite; In which Case I am persuaded Your Lordship will readily Furnish them: If you

should Send another Officer to Command the Ships, I must beg you will be pleased to give him the Like Orders.—

I am, with the greatest Regard,

My Lord,

&ca

Jeff: Amherst

Right Honble Lord Colvill.

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Copy 1.

New York 9th Augst 1762.

Sir,

As it appears by the late Intelligence received of the Enemys Proceedings at Newfoundland, that they Intend to keep a Footing at St John's, I am Come to a Resolution to Send a Corps of Troops, under the Command of Lt Colonel Amherst, in order to Dislodge them as soon as possible. –

You will therefore, Immediately on Receipt hereof, get Ready three Compleat Companys of the Royal, with One Captain & as many Subalterns as can be Spared; Two Compleat Companys of Montgomery's Regt with their Subalterns; And as you have no Captain for them, I shall Send Captain Clarke from hence for that purpose: the Whole under the Command of Major Sutherland of the 77th – Five Hundred Men of the Provincials, with their Lt Colonel & Major, & other Officers in proportion, must likewise be Ready, agreable to the Enclosed Orders, which you will Deliver to the Provincial Colonel

The Above Corps are to take their Tents (which however they will not want much Arms and Am:=munition, & to be ready to Embark, Immediately on the Arrival of Lt Colonel Amherst, who will Sail from hence, in three days time, with Transports

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ready Victualled for Three Months, Sufficient to Carry a Thousand Men.—

The Regular Troops are to take One Hundred & Thirty Six Rounds of Ammunition, of which Thirty Six Rounds, must Necessarily be in Cartridges, which must be packt up in small Barrils, & not left in the Pouches, where they would be Spoilt; but that the Men may have them Ready to Use on Board, if requisite, & to put in their Pouches when they Land; & the Remainder should be packt up in Boxes: The Provincials only Eighteen Rounds in Cartridges, in like manner, & Sufficient to make up the Whole to Seventy Rounds packt in Boxes; All must be got Ready, so that Nothing may Stop the Embarkation a moment, on the Arrival of Lt Colonel Amherst.—

You will Acquaint the Commanding Officer of the Artillery, that I Intend to take some Men of that Corps from Halifax, that they may likewise be Ready, when he Receives Orders for that purpose.— To Compleat the Proportion of Artillery I shall probably be Obliged also to take some from Halifax.

As I Intend that One Hundred of the Provincials at Halifax, besides the Detachment Ordered for the 'forementioned Service should be Sent to Louisbourg, to Reinforce that Garrison, when the Regulars

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are taken from thence, you will give Directions for having that Number Ready with their Arms, to Embark when Lt. Colonel Amherst Sends for the Troops that are Ordered from Louisbourg. — This Service can be but of Short Duration, so that the Provin=cials can have no Reason, to be any ways Uneasy, at their being Ordered from Halifax. —

I am,

Sir,

&ca.

Jeff: Amherst

Colonel Forster; or Officer Command.g
His Majesty's Forces in Nova Scotia.

Endorsed Copy / Letter from Sir / Jeffery Amherst to Colonel / Forster. — / Dated New York, 9th Augst. 1762 / Ordering him to get Ready / Three Complte. Compys. of the / Royal; Two Do. of Montgomery's, / with Five Hundred Provincials, / against the Arrival of Lt. Colonel / Amherst at Halifax. — / in Sr. J. Amherst's of Augt. 15: 1762 / No. 11.

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Copy 7.

New York 13th August 1762

Sir

The Transports being now ready, agreable to mine of the 9th Instant, of which I Enclose You a Duplicate, altho' I hope the Original will have reached You Several Days before this, which will be delivered to You by Lt. Colonel Amherst, I have only to desire that You will Use the Utmost Expedition, on his Arrival, in forwarding the Embarkation of the Troops, and that You will order Captain Ferguson of the Royal Artillery with Lieut. Eyre, Two Serjeants, Two Corporals, Two Bombardiers, Six Gunners, and Twenty five Mattrosses to be Joyned to the Detachment; one Hundred and Fifty Iron Shovels must be delivered from the Stores at Halifax and these are the only Articles be=longing to the Artillery that will be wanted from thence

As I have been Able to get more Cartridges made up here than I Expected You need only furnish the Thirty Six Rounds for the Regulars, and the Eighteen for the Provincials, which were Directed by my Last to be pack't up for Immediate Use.

I am

Sir &c.

Jeff. Amherst

Colonel Forster, or Officer Commanding }
His Majesty's Forces in Nova Scotia. }

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Copy/.

New York, 9th August 1762.

Sir

On an Information I have very lately Received of the Enemy's intentions of Establishing themselves at St. John's on Newfoundland, and Keeping posses=sion of that Place. I have Judged it proper to Col=lect all the Force I can possibly Assemble to frus=trate their Designs, and retake any place they may have got possession of; to this End I am obliged to Drain Halifax of the greatest part of the Troops which are there, the particulars of which will be made Known to You by Major Genl. Bastide and Colonel Forster, and I hope the absence of the Troops will be for a very Short time only.

I am, with great regard

Sir / &c.

Jeff: Amherst.

Honble. Lt. Governor Belcher.

Endorsed Copy/. Letter from Sir Jeffery / Amherst to Lt. Govr. Belcher / Dated New York, 13th Augst. 1762 / Acquaint=ing him of his / Intentions of Drawing off / part of the Troops from / Halifax, to be Employed in / Dis=possessing the Enemy from / Newfoundland, &ca. / in Sir J. Amherst's of Augt. 15: 1762 / No. 14.

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Copy./

New York, 9th Augst. 1762.

Sir,

As I am come to a Resolution, from the Intelligence I have Received of the Enemys Intentions of taking Post at St John's, to Send a Corps of Troops, under the Command of Lieut. Colonel Amherst, in order to Dislodge them, I am to Acquaint you, that I have Fixed on Five Companys of the 45th. Regiment, for that Service, not having it in my power to Form a Corps sufficient for the purpose, in any other Way, than that of Draining Halifax & Louisbourg.—

You will therefore, Immediately on Receipt hereof, get the Above Companies ready, with all the Officers you can Spare from Louisbourg, Leaving a Captain to Command there, as I Intend that you should go with them as Second in Command under Lt. Colonel Amherst, who will Sail from hence, with the Transports, for Halifax, in three days time.

The Men must take their Tents (which however they will not want much) and their Arms, with One Hundred & Thirty Six Rounds of Ammunition, of which Thirty Six Rounds must necessarily be in Cartridges, which must be Packt up in Small Barrels, & not left in the Pouches where

they would be Spoilt, but that the Men may have them Ready to Use on Board, if requisite, & to put in their Pouches when they Land: And the Remainder should be packt up in Boxes; All must be Ready, so that there may be no Stop on the Arrival of Lt Colonel Amherst at Louis=bourg, or the Vessels which he will Send from Halifax to Receive you & the Detachment on Board; And, at the same time; I shall Order One Hun=dred Provincials, with their Arms, to Louisbourg, to Remain there, when the Five Companies are Embarked.

Just as I am Writing this Lieut: Burns is Arrived with your Letter of the 14th July, the Dupli=cate whereof came to hand last Saturday with your Letter of the 17th of same Month: I now Order Lieut: Burns back with these Dispatches, & he is to Sail Immediately in a small Vessel for Halifax, from whence I have Requested My Lord Colvill to for=ward him to Louisbourg.

I am, Sir, &ca;

Jeff: Amherst

P.S. I Would have you Compleat the Five Companies I have Ordered on Service from the other Companys of the Regiment.

Lt Colonel Tulleken
Commanding at Louisbourg

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Copy 1.

Thomas Lamb, Late Master of the Brigantine Neptune at St. John's in Newfoundland, Declares that he was at St. John's on Sunday the 27th day of June last, upon which day, there came upon the Back of the Garrison of St. John's an Army of about Fifteen Hundred French Troops, Commanded by the Count de Hasanville; That the said Commander Summoned the Garrison of St. John's to Surrender, upon which the Inhabitants petitioned Captain Ross, the Commanding Officer of St. John's to Capitulate; & the Declarant heard that Capt Ross, Sent to the French General to Capitulate, whose Answer was, that if they did not Surrender Immediately, he would Storm the Garrison, & put Every Man in it to the Sword; That the Garrison Surrendered that same day about Noon, after having Fired two Guns at the Enemy; That the Enemy did not Fire at all: That after the Place Surrendered, in the same Week, <u>the French General, Demanded of Mr. Gill, a Magistrate at St. John's a Number of Work Men, which were Supplied, & they Immediately Set about making New Works, & this was Continued Every day, till this Declarant made his Escape, which was on Tuesday, the 6th day of July, in the Evening;</u> That on Saturday the <u>3d</u> day of July there came into

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the Harbour of St John's from out of the Bay of Bulls, Four French Men of War, One of 74 Guns, One of 64, One of 40, & the other of 26, which, as was Said there, came from Brest, & that they had a Merchant Ship with them, of about 200 Tons, which they had taken, some time before; that they had not any other Ships belonging to their Fleet, that this Declarant, heard of; that the French Commodore had Fitted out Five small Vessells (Schooners or Sloops) with Five Shallops, & had Sent them out; it was thought they were going to the Other Harbours; that the said Commodore was fitting out & Arming more Small Vessells; that the French Troops were all Regulars, & very Stout Likely Men, & it was said they were pickt Troops, that soon after the Enemy took possession of the Garrison, they took an Account of all the Provisions in the Stores & in Every place, & Set Centries where they Lay; That it was Reported that Orders were given out for Enlisting a Regiment of Irishmen who had been Labourers at St John's & some other Harbours, & this Declarant thinks they would Effect it Easily. This Declarant further Says that the Enemy treated the Inhabitants well, & that the General did not Suffer any Incivility to be offered them. That they had an Account at St John's that the Enemy

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had burnt the Stages, & flakes at the Bay of Bulls; but did not hear that they had Burnt the Houses; That this Declarant had not heard, when he came from St John's, that the Enemy were in possession of any other Places, but that & the Bay of Bulls.

That the Gramont's People, & all Other Sailors were Confined on Board some of the Ships in the Harbour, & this Declarant made his Escape by being on Shore, when the people were taken out of his Vessell; That the Gramont Frigate had been Sunk, & her own People were Obliged to Weigh her

Thos. Lamb

Suffolk Boston, Augt 1st 1762

Capt Thos Lamb, who this day Arrived from Halifax, came before me, & made Oath to the Above Declaration.

Thos. Goldthwait Just Peace.

Endorsed Copy / Intelligence / Received from Boston, / which Determined Sir Jeffery / Amherst to Send a Corps of / Troops Immediately for Dislodging / the Enemy at Newfoundland; / the Informant having made / his Escape from St John's, on / the 6th July, when they were / Employed in making New Works, / &ca. – / in Sr J: Amherst's of Augt. 15: 1762 / No. 17.

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Copy.

New York, 4th Augst 1762.

Sir,

The Great & Important Ser=
=vices on which His Majesty's
Regular Troops are now Em:
=ployed, and the Uncertainty
of their Return, Rendering it
Absolutely Necessary that Pro:
=vision should be made in
time for Garrisoning the Several
Posts on this Continent, during
the Winter I must Request you
will take the Earliest Oppor:
=tunity of Moving Your Assembly
to provide for Continuing in
pay, the same Number of Troops
that Remained during the last
Winter, Viz.t * One Company Con:
=sisting of a Captain, Subaltern,
& Sixty Four Men; And that
you will be pleased to Enforce
the Necessity of Complying
with this Requisition, with
such Arguments as your Zeal
for His Majesty's Honour, and

*

New York; One Company, Consisting of One Hundred & Seventy Three Men, Including a Captain & Three Subalterns.
Connecticutt; Three Companys, Con:sisting in the Whole of Three Hun:dred & Twenty Three Men, Includ:ing Three Captains & Six Subalterns.
Rhode Island the same with the Jerseys.
New Hampshire; One Company, Con:sisting of Fifty One Men, In:cluding a Captain & Subaltern.
Massachusett's Bay; At Halifax, Three Capt.s Seven Subalterns; Eighteen Non Commissioned Officers, & Two Hundred & Forty Privates; And to the Westward, Three Hun:dred Twenty Three Men, Includ:ing Three Captains, & Six Subalterns.

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the Good of these Colonies, will Naturally Suggest to you.—

I Must Observe that the Sooner the Necessary Provision is made, & the Orders given for Re Enlisting the Men, the Service will Reap the great=er Advantages; and I shall be the better Enabled to Send home the Others, who are not to Remain, before the Rigorous Season Sets in.

In the Above Numbers, no part of the Detachment on the Expedition is to be Reckoned, as I make no doubt but the Service will Admit of their Return before the Expiration of their time; And what I now Require is Entirely for the protection of the Frontiers, and keeping up the Necessary Communication through the Country.

This Paragraph to the Gov^rs. of
New Jersey
New York
Connecticutt
& Rhode Island only.—

I Cannot help taking Notice on this Occasion how little has been done by the *Province of New Jersey towards Raising the Recruits for the Regular Corps; which Measure if heartily Entered into by all the Colonies, might have been a great means of not only Enabling His

*Province of New York.
Colony of Connecticutt.
Colony of Rhode Island.
Province of Newhampshire

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Majesty to push the War with more Vigor, but would, in the End, have Eased the Provinces per=haps of part of this very Expence that I am now Obliged to put them to.

The Backwardness Discovered in your Province, in this particular, I must Own, in my opinion, cannot fail of Incurring His Majesty's Displeasure. And there=fore I would fain Flatter Myself that some Effec=tual Methods will yet be fallen upon for Complying with the King's Demands, and furnishing the Quota required: If it was necessary, when first made, of which there can be no doubt, it is certainly much more so now; that so many of the Regiments, who are on Actual Service, must Necessarily be thinned by the Chance of War, and the Change of the Cli=mate where they are Employed; And I must Add, that the Non Complyance of your Province, & some of the Other Colonies, in furnishing the Quota re=quired, will, I Fear, not only Retard but Ob=struct the Future Operations, which were Intended to be Carried on in these parts, for Distressing the Enemy, so as to Reduce them to Accept of a Peace, Glorious to His Majesty's Arms & Advan=tagious to His Subjects in General.

I am, with great Regard, / Sir, / &ca.

Jeff: Amherst.

His Excellency Govr Hardy, Jerseys.

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N.B. The Foregoing Letter, with the Alterations as pr margin To the Governors of New York, Connecticutt, Rhode Island & Newhampshire; To Govr Bernard of the Massachusetts Bay; the two first Paragraphs only, with the Following, Vizt

"I Was in hopes that the Requisition made by His Majesty, for Filling up the Regular Corps by Recruits to be furnished by the Several Colonies, would have been so well Complyed with, that I should not have been Obliged to Demand the Above Numbers; but I am Sorry to Say, that so little has been Done in this particular as yet, that Neither the Regiments Serving on the Continent, nor those in the West Indies, have received any Considerable Reinforcements, altho' I had flattered Myself that they would before now have been Compleated to their respective Establishments: I Must however, in Justice to you, Sir, Acknowledge, that no Endeavours have been wanting on your part, to promote this Essential Service; And I am persuaded you will Continue to Use Every means in your Power to Compleat the Quota Demanded by the King."

Endorsed Copy/. Sir Jeffery Amherst's/ Circular Letter to the/ Governors of New Jersey/ New York/ Connecticutt/

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Acco[t] of Recruits Raised by the Several Provinces, for the Regular Service, in Consequence of the King's Requisition.

State ... 14th August 1762.

		Men
Received and Approved of	Massachusetts Bay, at Sundry times	91.
	New York	1.
	New Jersey	14
	Virginia	132.
		238.

N.B. The Governors of New York; Connecticutt, Rhode Island & Newhampshire, have sent Orders for Enlisting such of their Provincial Troops as are willing to Enter into the Regular Service; As has the Gov[r]. of Massachusetts to the Com[g]. Officers of his Troops at Halifax & Crown point: & to Replace the Provincials by Recruits from the Provinces as fast as they Enlist. The Success Attending this Measure, as yet Appears to be;

	Men	
From the Rhode Island Troops at Fort Stanwix.	7.	
From the Newhampshire at Crown point -	34.	... 41.
Total ...		279

But by the last Advices from Virginia & North Carolina, there is great Reason to Expect they will be able to Compleat their Quotas; And from South Carolina, that they had got upwards of Fifty Men, who are Expected daily at New York. -

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Accot. of the Victualling Vessells Arrived at Quebec from Europe, the 22d. July 1762; And of those that are still Expected

Vessell's Names	Master's Names	From Whence	
Oswald Frigate	Wm. Johnson	From London.	These Seven were Arrived at Quebec, on the 22d July 1762.
Sally	John Wood		
Success	John Elitol		
Sally	Chas. Courtnay	From Cork.	
John & Bella	Andw. Green		
Hudson	Nichs. Wilson		
Amity	John Mason		
Britannia	Wm. Robinson	From London	These Eight were not Arrived at Quebec, at the Above Date.
Friendship	Wm. Shearer		
Lyon	John Garbutt		
Fortune	Edwd. Solley		
Oxford	John Ross		
Society	John Williams	From Cork.	
May Flower	Benjn. Gilleat		
Brothers	David Fletcher		

Endorsed Accot. of the Victualling / Vessels Arrived at Quebec / from Europe, the 22d July 1762; / And of those that are still Expected / in Sr. J. Amherst's of Augt. 15: 1762 / No. 20.

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New York 23d September 1762.

My Lord

I had the honour of receiving on the 13th instant your Lordships Letter of 10th July, enclosing a Copy of yours of the same date to Deputy Governour Sharpe; and a duplicate of your Letter of 12th June, the re=ceipt of which I acknowledged in my last dispatch of 15th August, by the Duke of Cumberland Packet.

The Report of a Victory obtained by His Ma=jesty's Arms, under the command of Prince Ferdinand of Brunswick, had reached this Continent, and the Confirmation of so great and happy Event occasions much Joy here.

The Kings gracious Approbation of the Measures I took to carry into execution His Majesty's commands in sending the Detachment of Troops to joyn Lord Albemarle, as also of what I had judged requisite to write to Major General Monckton in regard to Jamaica, gives me the greatest Satisfaction.

On the 6th of this month the Enterprise Man of War and Porcupine Sloop, with the Trans=sports of the 17th Regiment, the two Battalions of Royal Highland Regiment, and nine Companys of Montgomery's, arrived here, when I received a Letter from Lord Albemarle of the 18th, and one from Sir George Pocock of 20th August, with accounts of the

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great and glorious success of His Majesty's Arms in the Reduction of the Havana, Copies of which Letters, with my answers thereto, I transmit to Your Lordship.

Eight of the Transports had parted Company, but have all since luckily got in, for, in the weak and deplorable State the Soldiers and Crew were reduced to, some of the Vessels had not hands enough to change their Sails, and could not have dropped Anchor, not having Strength sufficient to weigh it: This Brigade sailed from the Havana 2128, they lost on their passage two Lieutenants and 346, and since their landing two Lieut.s and 160 men. I am very sorry to give your Lordship so distressed an account of these brave Troops, who are yet in such a Situation, there are not twenty men to be collected from the whole, fit to be sent on im=mediate Service.

'till the Arrival of the Enterprise, I was in hopes I should have been enabled, on the receipt of the first Advices from Lord Albemarle, to have set out on the Expedition against Louisianne, which I am now compelled to defer, but I shall be ready to pursue the intended Operations, the first moment I see a possibility of assembling a Force sufficient for that Service.

I thought proper to order the Enterprise to

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joyn Lord Colvill, she sailed on the 8th for Placentia: The Porcupine is remaining here, and I intended to have sent some of Montgomerys under her Convoy to Halifax, but that Corps is in so feeble a condition I cannot move them, and I shall dispatch the Sloop, that is at present making some Repairs, to Halifax, from thence to joyn Lord Colvill.

The Transports and Troops that sailed from hence under the command of Lieut. Colonel Amherst arrived at Halifax on 26th August, as I enclose to your Lordship a Copy of his Letter to me (which is the only intelligence I have had of them) I need not repeat what he mentions.

Lieut: Governor Belcher has judged it necessary to send a number of Acadians from Nova Scotia to Boston, where some Difficulties have arisen in receiving those People, but from the application I have made to Governor Bernard, I flatter myself they will be disposed of in the Massachusetts Province for the present: the Lieut: Governor acquaints me he should send a full account of this Proceeding to the Kings Ministers, and I enclose to your Lordship Extracts of what has passed on this Subject.

By the last Letters from Canada I had the pleasure of being informed all the Provision Ships from London & Cork were arrived, except the

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Britania, which Vessel, I see by an English Paper, was taken and carried into some Port in Spain.

I acquainted your Lordship in my last that I had demanded of the Northern Provinces, to continue in pay their respective Quotas of men for the ensuing winter, as they did the last, and the Massachusetts, Newhampshire, New Jersey and Rhode Island have already provided for the number de=manded. The Assembly of this Province has not met, but Governour Monckton with the Advice of the Council has sent orders for reinlisting the men. in Connecticut nothing is yet done, the As=sembly meet in October.

The Master of the Pitt Packet acquaints me the Harriott was arrived at Falmouth before he left that Place, but was so near being boarded by the Enemy in her passage, that the Master sunk the Mail. I therefore transmit to your Lord=ship, duplicates of my dispatches which I sent by that Vessel, and duplicates also of my last Letter, Schedule of Enclosures, and Instructions to Lieut Colonel Amherst.

I enclose to your Lordship all such papers, as I judge necessary for your information of the State of every thing under my command, and as Major General Bastide is going to England, in

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consequence of Orders he received from the Board of Ordnance, with a Survey, Plans, and Estimates of the intended Citadel at Halifax, he is the Bearer of this, and I dispatch the Pitt Packet, the only one here.

I have the honour to be with the utmost Respect

My Lord
Your Lordship's
Most Humble
and most Obedient Servant

Jeff. Amherst.

Rt Honble Earl of Egremont

Endorsed New York Sept 23d 1762/ Sir Jeff: Amherst/ R+ Octr 27th

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Schedule of Papers Referred to, in Major General Sir Jeffery Amherst's Letter to The Right Honble The Earl of Egremont, Bearing Date At New York, 23^d September 1762 -

No. 1. Copy	Letter from The Earl of Albemarle to Sir Jeffery Amherst	1762. 18th Aug^st
No. 2. D^o	Sir Jeffery's Answer to the foregoing	6th Sep^r
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No. 4 D^o	Sir Jeffery's Answer	6th Sep^r
No. 5 D^o	Mr Adair's Report of the State of the Men of the 17th Two Battalions of 42^d & 77th Regiments, Arrived at New York from the Havannah	18th Sep^r
No. 6 D^o	Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst to Capt: Houlton of the Enterprize Man of War; Desiring him to proceed with the Enterprize to Joyn Lord Colvill	6th Sep^r
No. 7. D^o	List of the Transports Sent from the Havannah to New York, under Convoy of the Enterprize & Porcupine	
No. 8 D^o	Letter from Lt Colonel Wm Amherst to Sir Jeffery Amherst; Acquainting the General of his Arrival at Halifax, & of the Measures he was taking for proceeding from thence, &ca	27th Aug^st

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No. 9. Do... Letter from Lt. Colonel Amherst to Lord Colvill. 1762
(Enclosed in the Foregoing) . . . . . . 26th Augst.

No. 10. Do. Sir Jeffery Amherst's Circular Letter to the Governors on the Continent of North America, Acquainting them of the Reduction of the Havannah, &ca. . . . . 6th. Septr.

No. 11 Extracts of Letters &ca, from Lt. Govr. Belcher, Govr. Bernard, & Sir Jeffery Amherst; In Relation to the Acadians Sent from Nova Scotia to Boston, it being thought Dangerous to Suffer them to Remain in the Former Province at this time, and the Massachusetts Government Refuse to Receive them, &ca. . . . . Augst. & Septr.

No. 12. Copy. Letter from Govr. Hardy to Sir Jeffery Amherst; Acknowledging the Receipt of the General's Circular of the 4th. August, in regard to the Quota of Troops Necessary for Garrisoning the Posts, during the Ensuing Winter; And that he had Immediately Consulted the Gentlemen of the Council, & the Leading Men of the Assembly, who being of Opinion that the Assembly would Readily come into the Measure, the Governor had Sent Orders to the Commanding Officer of the Jersey Troops, to Re Enlist the Quota required, &ca . . . . 14th. Augst.

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No. 13. Copy. . The General's Answer; Thanks the Governor for the Expedition he had used in giving the Necessary Orders for Re Enlisting the Number of Men Required of the Province of New Jersey for the Ensuing Winter, &ca. . . . . 1762 16th. Augst.

No. 14 Do. . . . Letter from Governor Hardy to Sir Jeffery Amherst; Acquainting the General that the Assembly of New Jersey had made the Necessary Provision for Continuing the Number of Men, required for the Winter Service &ca. . . . . . 16th. Septr.

No. 15. Do. . . . The General's Answer; That it gave him pleasure to Learn the Assembly of New Jersey had provided for Continuing in Pay the Number of Men Demanded for the Winter Service; And Wishes some Effectual Methods could be fallen on, for Compleating the Quota of Recruits for the Regular Corps, &ca. . . . . 19th. Septr.

No. 16. Do. . . . Letter from Govr. Fitch Sir Jeffery Amherst; That he should Lay the General's Circular of the 4th. Augst. before the Assembly when they met, which would be in October; & Should Recommend to them not only to make provision for the Number of Men Demanded for the Ensuing Winter; but likewise to Consider of what the General mentioned in regard to the Recruits for the Regular Corps, &ca. . . . 13th. Augst.

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No. 17. Do. . . . The General's Answer; That he thought the time fixed for the Meeting of the Assembly was rather Late; Considering that the Orders must be afterwards Issued for Re Enlisting the Quota of Men Demanded of the Colony of Connecticutt; for the Ensuing Winter; but as he Rely'd on the Assembly's coming into the Measure, he Leaves it to the Governor, to Judge, Whether it will be Necessary to Call them together before the time Appointed . . . . . 1762. 16th. Augst.

No. 18 Extract of Letter from Governor Ward of Rhode Island to Sir Jeffery Amherst; Acquainting the General, that in Consequence of his Requisition, the Assembly of Rhode Island had Voted to Continue a Company of Men during the Winter; And that he had sent Orders for Re Enlisting them Immediately, &ca. . . . . 6th. Sepr.

No. 19. . . . The General's Answer; Thanking the Governor & Assembly of Rhode Island, for their Ready and Chearfull Complyance with his Requisition for Continuing a Company of Men, during the Winter, &ca. . . . . 15th Sepr.

No. 20 Do. . . Letter from Govr. Bernard to Sir Jeffery Amherst; Acknowledging the Receipt of the General's Circular of the 4th Augst. And that he should Lay the same before the Assembly, at their next

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Meeting, which would be on the 8th Sept. when he should Enforce the Necessity of Complying with the Requisition Contained therein: The Governor Desires to know, if the General Intends to Continue the Recruiting for the Regulars during the Winter? . . . . 1762 16th Augst

No. 21. Do. . . . The General's Answer; That he Trusted the Assembly of Massachusetts Bay would, at their next Meeting, chearfully Comply with his Requisition, for their Quota of Men, during the Ensuing Winter; And Acquaints the Governor, that the Recruiting for the Regulars must certainly be Continued untill the Whole Number Demanded is Raised, &ca. . . . . 22d. Augst

No. 22. Do. . . . Letter from Govr. Bernard to Sir Jeffery Amherst; Acquainting him that the Assembly of the Massachusetts Bay had made the Necessary provision for Continuing the Number of Men Demanded for the Winter Service; And that he should Send Immediate Orders for Re Enlisting them . . . . 16th. Septr.

No. 23. Extract of The General's Answer; That he was very glad to Learn the Assembly had Voted to Continue the Number of Men required for the Winter Service; And thanks the Governor for his promise of Sending Immediate Orders for Re Enlisting the Men. 21st. Septr.

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No. 24. Do. .. Letter from Govr. Wentworth to Sir Jeffery Amherst; That the Assembly of Newhampshire had, in Consequence of the General's Letter of the 4th August, made Provision for Continuing the Quota of Men Demanded for the Winter Service, &ca. 1762 27th. Augst.

No. 25 Copy. .. The General's Answer; That he was glad to Find the Assembly of Newhampshire had made Provision for Continuing the Number of Men required for the Winter Service; And thanks the Governor for the Expedition he had Used in Sending the Orders for Re Enlisting the Men, &ca. 5th. Septr.

No. 26. Do. .. State of the Recruits Furnished by the Several Provinces for the Regular Corps. . 1762. .

Endorsed Schedule of Papers / Referred to, in Major General / Sir Jeffery Amhersts Letter to / The Rt. Honble. The Earl of / Egremont, Bearing Date At / New York, 23d. Septemr. 1762.

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Copy.

Head Quarters near y^e Havana, August 18th 1762.

Sir,

I Have the pleasure and Satisfaction of Ac=quainting Your Excellency, that on the 13th the Havana, with all its Dependencies, & Ships in the Harbour (of which there are Twelve of the Line) was Surrendered to His Majesty's Arms, by Capitulation. The Morro Fort was taken by Storm, the 30th of last Month, very much to the Honor & Credit of the Troops. The Fatigues they have gone thro', is not to be Described; and the Spirit & Resolution they have (in this Climate) Carried on the different Operations with, is not to be Equalled. Major Moncrief, who has the Honor of Delivering this Letter to you, can give you a very particular Account of Every thing that has passed, as he has had a very Active part in the Seige, being a good deal Employed by General Keppel, and greatly to his Satisfaction. I Beg to Recommend him to you, as a very good Officer, and very Deserving of your Protection.

I Enclose you Brigadier Burton's Return of the Troops under his Command from North America, who Landed upon this Island; They Arrived just in time to Partake of our Success. I am Sorry to See that they as well as the Rest of the Army

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are Grown very Sickly. I Enclose you a State of the Army. The 17th Royal High.rs and 77th are so Reduced by Sickness, that I am Obliged to Send them to a Northern Climate, in hopes that the Change of Air may Recover them. I am so Little able to Send a Reinforcement to Assist you, in your Undertaking, that for the present, I must Detain the Troops Brigadier Burton brought here, 'till I See what Force is necessary for the Defence of this Island; As soon as ever that is Ascertained, I will Send them to you, and as many more as can be Spared, as I Cannot Look upon the Operations over here, 'till the Island & Fortresses are properly Secured.—

I Did not Understand from the Earl of Egremont, that the Expedition against Louisiane was to be Undertaken by Sea, nor is Sir George Pocock Instructed by the Lords of the Admiralty about it. We should have no Objections to any Proposal for the good of His Majesty's Service, and would come into it, as I am persuaded it has been thoroughly Considered by You. The great Operations, the Army & Navy have been so Lately Engaged in, and the Heat of the Climate, has Reduced them to a most Deplorable & Feeble Condition; The Soldiers are Wore out, & must have Rest. If your Plan of Attacking

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the Louisiane is Approved of at Home, I Suppose it will not be long before We hear from England, and Receive His Majesty's Orders upon it, which We shall Endeavour to Obey, to the utmost of our Abilities; for the present, You must Expect no Assistance from Us, because We have None to give You: I am told by the Admiral, that the Spring Months is the proper Season to Undertake you Plan in, by Sea.

All Sorts of Provisions will be Acceptable, particularly Flour: Cattle We have in great plenty; And I Flatter Myself with a little Rest, & Fresh provisions, that the Army will soon Recover their Strength, and be Ready for any Undertaking it shall be thought fit to Employ them in.—

I Have the Honor to be, with great Esteem & Regard,

Sir,

Your Excellency's

Most Obedient

Humble Servant

Albemarle.

Copy/. Letter from the Earl/of Albemarle to Sir Jeffery/ Amherst— Dated/ Head Qrs. near the Havana 18th. Augt. 1762./ in Sr. J. Amherst's of Sepr. 23. 1762/ No. 1.

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Copy.

New York, 6th Septemr. 1762.

My Lord,

At two o'Clock this morning, I had the happy Satisfaction of being Honored with Your Lordship's Letter of 18th. August, by Major Moncrief, who Arrived here in the Night, with Thirteen Transports, under Convoy of the Enterprize; the Other Ten Transports lost Company, but I hope will come in safe.—

The Officers & Men who are Arrived, are in a most Deplorable State, and their Numbers much Lessened on their Voyage: I am trying to take all the Care of them I can possibly do, but am Sorry to Say the Surgeons, who have just now made me a Report, after having Examined them, give very unfavourable Accounts of the State they are in.—

It is very plain, My Lord, You cannot, at present, Spare Troops for what were the future Intended Operations; I Wish Indeed, you may have sufficient for Repairing & Securing the Possessions you have so gloriously Gained..—

I Have taken Every Recovered Man of those who came from Martinique, & have Drained Halifax & Louisbourg, to Collect a Force to Dislodge the Enemy from St. John's on Newfoundland; These

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Troops are gone under the Command of Lt Colonel Amherst, & I have Ordered the Enterpruze to Sail Im=mediately to Joyn Lord Colvill, who has the North=umberland & Gosport, and Expected to be Reinforced by the Antelope & Syren at Placentia. —

A Vessel Sailing to-morrow for the Havanna, I gladly take the first opportunity of Acknowledging my thanks to Your Lordship for your Letter; And to Assure, I Have not Words to Express the Joy I Partake on the Noble Conquest you have made, & how much I Wish you may Reap Every Honour & Advantage from it that you can Desire.

I am, with the greatest Respect & Regard,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's

Most Obedient &

most Humble Servant

Jeff: Amherst.

Right Honble

Earl of Albemarle.

Endorsed Copy/ Letter from Sir/ Jeffery Amherst to The Earl/ of Albemarle./ Dated New York, 6th Septr. 1762/ In Answer to His Lordship's of / the 18th August. / in Sr. J. Amherst's of Sepr. 28 : 1762 / No. 2.

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Copy 1.

Namur off Chorera River near the Havana, 20th August 1762.—

Sir,

I Have received the Favor of your Letters, Dated the 4th & 28th of June; the first came to hand the 28th July, by the Intrepide, and the other the 5th Instant

I Wish I could Inform you, that all the Transports Arrived safe, but unluckily the Juno run ashore before the Convoy got the Length of the Bahama Streights, and at the Entrance of the Streights on the Cuba Side, the 24th July, about an hour before daylight, the Chesterfield & Four Transports, Named in the Margin, Run on Cayo Comfite. The Ships could not be got off, but all the Seamen & Soldiers were Saved, & Arrived here in good Health.—

Transports Lost.
Masquerade.
Industry.
Smiling Nancy.
Swallow
Juno.

The next unfortunate Accident, was, the Second Convoy falling in with two French Ships of the Line, & Three Frigates, with Several small Vessells, off the Island Mayaguana, the 21st July. Five Transports, Named in the Margin, were taken; the Rest, with the Men of War, Escaped, and Arrived

Transports taken
Pelling.
Britannia.
Betsey & Sally.
Nathaniel & John.
Hopewell.

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safe, with all the Men in good Health, the 5th. Instant.

The Richmond, Capt Elphinston, who Piloted the Fleet thro' the Streights, was going up to meet them, when the Ships Run ashore.—

The Hampshire & Portmahon were Stationed to meet both Convoys, with Letters from me to the Commanding Officers for their Guidance.

Notwithstanding the before mentioned Accidents, it was a great Satisfaction, both to Lord Albemarle & me that so many of the Reinforcement Arrived in perfect Health: They were much wanted, as not only the Army, but likewise the Fleet, were Extreme Sickly.—

I Have now the Pleasure to Congratulate You, on the Success of His Majesty's Arms, by the Surrender of the Havana & its Dependencies; a very Important Conquest at the beginning of a Spanish War.—

There are in the Harbour, Nine Sail of Men of War of the Line; Three were Sunk in the Entrance, & two are on the Stocks. A Detail of the Occurrences of the Siege will be Sent you by Lord Albemarle, more accurately than I can give it.—

The Fleet and Army are so much Reduced by Sickness the Unhealthy Climate has brought on them with the Necessary Fatigue of so long a Siege

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that Lord Albemarle & I agree in Opinion, no further Operations can possibly be carried on this Season.

The Earl of Albemarle having found it abso:=lutely necessary to Send the 17th 42d & 77th Regts to New York, for the Recovery of their Health, I have inclosed a List of the Transports sent with them, & Seven Sent to New York as Unserviceable – Such of those as belong to England, may be sent home with the first Convoy, and those belonging to New York, Discharged, in case they are not wanted for His Majesty's Service, concerning which Capt: Houlton, has my Orders to Consult with You, as well as with regard to the Employing His Majesty's Ship & Sloop under his Command.–

The Transport Amherst, the 2d is to Return with Provisions, for the Use of the Navy & Army, and not to be Discharged: The Master has Directions to Ap:=ply to Mr Hugh Wallace for his Loading, & Return here without Convoy.–

The Deserved Applause & Honours you have Acquired by the Success of His Majesty's Arms under your Command, has Afforded me great pleasure. I Have only to Add that I am, with the most perfect Re:=gard & Esteem,

Sir, Your most Obedt Humble Servant

G: Pocock.

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Copy 7.

New York, 6th. Septemr. 1762.

Sir,

It is with the utmost pleasure that I Con:=gratulate You, on the great & Glorious Success of His Majesty's Arms, under the Command of Your=self, and the Earl of Albemarle; And I am to Ac:=knowledge my thanks for the Favor of your Letter of 20th. August, that was Delivered to me, at two o'Clock this Morning, by Captain Houlton.—

The Enterprize & Porcupine, with Thirteen Trans:=ports, are Arrived here; Ten have parted Company, two of which are Supposed to be gone to Carolina, and I hope We shall soon See the Remainder here.—

I Have thought it proper to Desire Captain Houlton to make what Expedition he can, in Joyning Lord Colvill, who Sailed from Halifax, on the 10th. August, with the Northumberland & Gosport & Expected to be Reinforced at Placentia, by the Antelope & Syren. Captain Houlton will Sail this Night, or tomorrow morning, and as Lt. Colonel Amherst is gone with all the Troops I could Collect to Attempt to Dislodge the Enemy from St. John's I am hopefull that Service will be Effected.—

A Vessel being to Sail tomorrow for the Havanna, I Cannot Omit Seizing the Earliest opportunity to Assure

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you of the Joy I partake on the Noble Conquest you have made, and that I am, with the most perfect Esteem & Regard,

Sir,

Your most Humble
& most Obed.t Servant,
Jeff: Amherst.

P. S. By the Enclosed List, you will See the Amherst is of the Transports Arrived here; I Have Ordered the Troops to be Disembarked, & have Spoke to the Merchant to get her Loaded with all Dispatch, that she may Return to you, according to your Intentions, & as soon as possible.—

His Excellency
Sir George Pocock, }

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Copy 1.

A Report of the State of the Men of the 17th Two Battalions of the 42d, and 77th Regiments.

September the 18th 1762

According to Your Excellency's Orders, I have Visited the above Regiments, and am Sorry to Inform You of the Deplorable Situation they are in; being reduced to the lowest State with dangerous Fevers, and Fluxes; Many of whom are too far Gone to be recovered, and the rest in so Weak a Condition, that I am afraid it will be a great length of time, that can restore them, to have Strength Enough, to be fit for Service; their Blood being in Such a dissolved and putrid State.

Of the few that I found Capable of assisting in the Hospitals as Orderly-men, the Least fatigue has made them relapse, so that there is not, in my opinion of the whole Brigade Thirty Men fit for Service, Nor are the Officers in a better Condition, Several of them cannot recover, and the Greatest Number of the rest, will be long Weakly, And Unfit to Undergo Much Fatigue.

John Adair

Endorsed Copy/ Mr. Adair's / Report of the State of the / Men of the 17th Two Battalions / of 42d & 77th Regts. Arrived at / New York, from the Havannah, / 18th Sept. 1762. / in Sr. J. Amherst's of Sept. 23: 1762. / No. 5.

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Copy./.

New York, 6th Septem: 1762

Sir

It being of the utmost Consequence to the Service that Lord Colvill should have a sufficient force, to Encounter the Enemy's Ships, who are at present at Newfoundland; and in Quest of Whom His Lordship Sailed from Halifax, on the 10th of Augst, with the Northumberland, Gosport, and Boston Armed Ship, and was to be Joyned off Placentia by the Antelope and Syrene; I must Desire You will Immediately pro:=ceed in the Enterprize to Joyn his Lordship, Leaving the Porcupine Sloop of War here: The three first Vessells passed by Louisbourg on the 12th Ultimo; And in a Letter from Lord Colvill, dated at Hali:=fax, the day before he Sailed from thence he Says, "Tis my Intention to Cruize off the Harbour of "St. John's, and in our way thither it may be "Necessary to look into Placentia, according as I "Shall receive Intelligence of the Enemy: but after "We Shall have Doubled Cape Race, If I cannot be "found off St. John's, Circumstances may have Arisen, "which may have made it Necessary for me to "proceed to the Bay of Bulls, or Aquafort."

As it is Uncertain whether Lt Colonel Amherst, with the Troops from Halifax may be Sailed, You

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will please to Call there, that if they Should not be gone, You may take the Transports Under Convoy of the Enterprize: There being Five Companies Ordered from Louisbourg, Which Lt. Colonel Amherst was Either to Call for, or Send Transports to Receive them, it will likewise be Necessary to look into that place, Un=less You have certain Advice that they are Sailed, in which case You will proceed directly to Joyn Lord Colvill, Agreable to the foregoing directions, or the Intelligence You may receive.

I have only to add, that if it Should happen that Any Men of War are Arrived from England, so as to give Lord Colvill an Undoubted Superiority over the Enemy, And that You have certain Advice there=of, I think You Should then return to Virginia, to Convoy the Trade from thence to England, as that Service has been retarded merely by Intervening Acci=dents, which, as they were not foreseen, Could not be prevented.

I am

Sir

&c.

Jeff: Amherst

Capt. Houlton, Commander of His Majesty's Ship Enterprize

Copy.

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New York, 6th Septem: 1762

Sir

Since my Letter to You of this days Date, I have received Dispatches from Lt Colonel Amherst of 26th Augst from Halifax, on which day he Sent An Advice Boat to Lord Colvill, and Wrote to his Lordship, Vizt "Upon finding You was Sailed, I "came to a resolution that no time might be lost, "to Embark the Troops I take from hence Instantly, and "proceed to Louisbourg to take up there the Companies "of the 45th Regiment, And Shall proceed from thence "to Placentia, where I Shall wait till I hear "from Your Lordship."

I therefore think it Unnecessary that You Should Either call at Halifax or Louisbourg, and that it will be best You proceed directly to Placentia, on Newfoundland.

In case from the Advices You may receive, You Should return to Virginia, in Your Passage from thence, I Should be glad You would call in at the Hook, to take Such Transports to England as may be waiting here for Convoy.

I am with great truth, Sir, &c.

Jeff: Amherst.

Captain Houlton of His Majesty's Ship, Enterprize

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List of the Transports Sent from the Havannah, Under Convoy of the Enterprize, And Porcupine. New York, Septem. 1762

Vessells Names	Master's Names	Where taken into ye Service	Troops on Boards
Hercules	John Jump	England	
Dutchess of Hamilton	Henry Downes	Do.	17th Regiment
Brotherly Love	Wm. Armstrong	Do.	
Unity	George Boug	England	
Felicity	Richd. Manley	Do.	
Garland	Michl. Rockwood	Do.	
Ranger	John Turner	Do.	
Love and Unity	Benjn. Gouland	Do.	Royal Highlanders 2 Battns.
Hicks	John Smith	Do.	
Bird	Wm. Burchett	Do.	
Prince George	Robert Jarvis	America	
Amherst, (2d)	James Nicholson	Do.	
Grampus	Thomas Fortune	England	
John and Mary	Francis Skinner	Do.	
Amity's Assistance	Robert Jermin	Do.	77th Regiment
Ann and Elizabeth	Saml. Chancellor	America	
Boscawen, (Snow)	Edward Spain	Do.	
King of Prussia (2d)	Thomas Greenly	America	
Pitt	John Montgomery	Do.	
Nottingham	Clement Cardiff	Do.	Leaky and Unfit
Rebecca	Patrick Dennis	Do.	for Service —
Amherst, (1st)	Wm. Browne	Do.	N.B: the two last put into
Betsey	John Hutton	Do.	Charles Town, S. Carolina

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Halifax Augst 27th 1762.

Dear Sir,

I got in here yesterday, & to my Surprize, found Lieut: Burns was not Arrived.–

Lord Colvill Sailed from hence the 10th & had left his Rendezvous & Signals with the Lt Governor. I Find that His Lordship's Intention is to Cruize off Placentia, perhaps to Call in there, where the Antelope is; to proceed from thence to Cruize off St. John's, & Mentions the Harbours he shall put into, if Necessary.–

Upon this I Immediately Resolved to Embark the Troops from hence, & proceed to Louisbourg, for the Companys of the 45th Regt & from thence to Placentia. Lord Colvill's being off the Coast, must keep the Enemy's Ships in; & We may proceed with:out Convoy.–

I Dispatched an Armed Cutter, that was sent here by Captain Graves of the Antelope from Placentia, with your Letters to Lord Colvill; Mr. Burns, who Commands the Cutter, has a Copy of His Lord:ship's Rendezvous & Signals, & is to find him out wherever he is. I Wrote to His Lordship, & Send you a Copy of my Letter. Mr. Burns has Orders to Call into Louisbourg, as it is directly in his Course,

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& Deliver your Dispatches to Lt. Colonel Tulleken, to whom I Wrote, that he may be ready to Embark, when We Arrive there. The Cutter Sailed this Morning.

All our Fleet came in with Us, Except the Brig William, which parted Company the 18th at Night; I Suspect she has made the Land to the Eastward, and Westerly Winds Setting in, has kept her out.

The Men of War being gone, You are Sensible I have not Room, in the Transports with me, for the Troops; I Have therefore been Obliged to take up here to the Amount of 400 Ton, which is the least I could do: All our Transport's Boats are at Work, getting the Water into the Others, & they will be Ready tomorrow. –

Lieut. Burns Arrived here this Afternoon, with your Dispatches; he Complains mightily of the Boat, having neither Sails, Rigging nor any thing in Order; The Master of her he Commends, for doing all in his power to make Dispatch, who Says the Same thing of the Boat.

I am hopefull of having the Troops Ready to Embark tomorrow; Indeed I have met with great Willingness & Readiness, in the Commanding Officers of the Regulars, & Provincials, & Other Officers here. Our Arrival was a great Surprize to them; I gave them a Little time to Recollect themselves, & then We went

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to Work; and you may Depend upon it, not a Moment's time shall be Lost by me, to forward Every thing to meet Lord Colvill, as soon as possible.—

I Dispatch the Boat, Lieut: Burns came in, and She Sails tomorrow morning.—

I am, with great Affection,

Dear Sir,

&ca.

Wm. Amherst.

Sir Jeffery Amherst.

endorsed Copy/. Letter from Lt. Colonel / William Amherst to Sir / Jeffery Amherst. / Dated Halifax, 27th August 1762. / Acquainting the General of his / Arrival at Halifax, & of the / Measures he was taking for / proceeding from thence &ca. / in Sr. J: Amherst's of Sepr. 23: 1762 / No. 8.

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Copy 1.

Halifax, August 26th. 1762.

My Lord,

Upon my Arrival here, this day, I found that the General's Dispatches to Your Lordship, which were sent away from New York, six days before I Sailed were not Arrived at this Place.—

I Have thought proper Immediately, to Dis:=patch a Vessell, with the Letters I have brought with me, for Your Lordship.—

Upon finding that you was Sailed, I came to a Resolution, that no time might be Lost, to Embark the Troops I take from hence Instantly, & proceed to Louisbourg, to take up there the Companies of the 45th Regiment, & Shall proceed from thence to Placentia, where I shall Wait till I hear from Your Lordship.—

I am in hopes of getting Tonnage suf:=ficient here, with the Transports I have, to take in all the Troops, & shall be ready to Sail from hence the day after tomorrow.

I am, with great Esteem & Regard,

My Lord,

&ca.

Wm. Amherst.

Rt. Honble. Lord Colvill—

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New York, 6th Septr. 1762.

Sir,

'Tis with the highest Joy and Satisfaction that I can Inform you of the Reduction of the Havannah, having received Letters from My Lord Albemarle, by the Enterprize Man of War, which Arrived here at two o'Clock this Morning.—

His Lordship Acquaints me that the Moro Fort was taken by Storm, on the 30th July, very much to the Honor and Credit of the Troops; and on the 13th August, the Havannah, with its Dependencies, Surrendered, by Capitulation, and is now Added to His Majesty's Conquests: The Fatigues the Troops have Undergone, during a long Siege, are not to be Described, and the Spirit & Resolution, with which they have Carried on the Different Operations, in that Climate, are not to be Equalled.

N.B. This paragraph to the Governors of New Jersey New York Connecticutt & Rhode Island only.

It gives me a particular Satisfaction, that the Troops furnished on this Occasion, by your Province, Arrived in time to partake of the Honors Reaped by so Noble a Conquest.

I am, with great Regard,

Sir,

&ca.

Jeff: Amherst.

N.B. The Foregoing Letter to all the Governors on the Continent of North America.—

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Extracts of Letters, in Relation to the Acadians, Sent from Nova Scotia to Boston, it being thought Dangerous to Allow them to Remain in the Former Province.—

No. 1.... Lt. Govr. Belcher to Sir Jeffery Amherst, Dated Halifax 12th. Augst. 1762.

"I Have the Happiness to be persuaded of the Rectitude of this Measure [of Removing the Acadians from Nova Scotia] as Your Excellency was in a Letter Dated 22d. March 1761, pleased to Say, that, "if the Removal of the Acadians still "Remaining in Nova Scotia, could Add either to "the Advantage or Security of it, that you would "be the first to Advise their Expulsion;" And certainly if ever this Province could Derive either from such a Measure, it is at that time, when by their Influence over the Indians, they Excited them when Assembled in Large Bodies, to Use such threats, as Induced a Considerable Number of the Inhabitants to quit one of the New Townships, & Terrified the Inhabitants of Lunenburg from their Farms, so as to Neglect the Culture of their Lands, & Endanger the Loss of their Chief Support, the Benefit of their Harvest, which proves the Ill Con=sequences of Terror, & the Justness of Your Ex=cellency's Observation in the Letter, Dated the 28th.

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April 1761, where You are pleased to Say, that, "the "Settlements, in the beginning, must not be per: "=mitted to be Disturbed, but must be protected with "great Care, that no Terror may Creep in amongst "them, & frighten the People from their Town: "=ships." — The Necessity of some Check, or Curb to their Hopes & Views*, is Evident, but We are Desti: =tute of the Means: Confinement is the first which Offers itself to Consideration, but here is no Other than that of their Ordinary Abode the Barracks, & if all who should Suffer on account of their Ill Dispositions were to Undergoe that punishment, it would be no less than the Whole, which amounts to Four Hundred able to Bear Arms, and which make a part of Nine Hundred & Fifteen Persons here, at this time, Including Women & Children, besides those yet in different parts of the Country; that such a Number Added to the Indians, who are Six Hundred Men Assembled in Different places not far from Halifax, should make the People in the New Settlements fear the Fate of this Town, & their own, when it would Occurr to them, that the Forces which should oppose an Enemy from Abroad, would be Considerably Weakened to Over- =awe the Attempts of the Acadians & Indians, I presume Your Excellency will readily Admit. —

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I Flatter Myself that the Transportation of these People from a Country so thinly Inhabited, which ought to be so tenderly treated, & carefully Regarded, & whose Welfare I am Convinced is a Matter of Important Consideration with Your Excellency, will Appear to you a measure concerted for its Safety and prosperity, as I am Satisfied it will to that Branch of the King's Ministry who Preside over the Colonies, and who, in a Letter Dated 23d June 1761, "Look on the "Residence of the Acadians in this Province, as "an Untoward Circumstance, in its present State."

I shall give Orders to the Transports to proceed to Boston, & there Remain with the People on Board, untill they Receive Your Excellency's Directions, for the Disposal of them, and that they may Lye in that Harbour under the Command of the Castle, untill that time. As they are treated as Prisoners I presume it may be Indifferent, in what part of the King's Dominions they are Detained, provided they are much Inferior in Number to the Inhabitants, whose Superiority may keep them in Awe, and I would hope that this Measure can little Interfere with Your Excellency's Views of Settling some of the Acadians in the upper parts of Canada, as General Murray

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Informed me in his Letter of 20th Septemr. last.—

I am preparing a full Account of this Pro=ceeding, to lay before the King's Ministers, which I hope I shall be able to Transmit in a few Days."

No. 2. Sir Jeffery Amherst's Answer to the Foregoing, Dated New York 30th August 1762.

"By an Express from Boston I was last Night, Favoured with your Letter of the 12th In=stant; And, at the same time, I Learnt from Mr. Hancock, that Five Transports with Acadians, were Arrived at that Place.

Altho' I can't help thinking that these People might have been kept in proper Subjection, while the Troops Remained in Nova Scotia, yet I must own I am glad you have taken these Measures for Removing them, as they might have become Troublesome when the Province was Drained of the Forces, which I have been obliged to Employ on a very Essential Service: I Doubt not but you have Wrote to Governor Bernard concerning them; but I shall, by the Return of the Express, Desire he will be pleased to Dispose of the Acadians, in such a manner as he judges best, in the Pro=vince of the Massachusetts Bay where they must Remain for the present, taking Care to Separate

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them as much as possible, to prevent their doing any Mischief, as well as Returning to their Old Habitations. –

I Could have Wished that those who In:=habited the back parts of the Province had been sent to Canada, agreable to Govr. Murray's Re:=quest, by which means you would not only have Saved the Expences of Bringing them down the Country, at this time, but have been Eased of any Dread from that Quarter".

No. 3. Sir Jeffery Amherst to Governor Bernard, Dated New York, 30th August 1762.

"I Make no Doubt but Lt. Govr. Belcher has Wrote to you concerning the Acadians he has Sent to Boston, but as he Writes me, "that he "had given Orders to the Transports to proceed thither, "& there Remain with the People on Board, un:"=till they Receive my Directions for the Disposal "of them, and that they were to Lye, untill "that time under the Command of the Castle;" I am to Acquaint you that, as Circumstances now are, my Opinion is, that those People should be Disposed of in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay, for the present; And must Desire you will Do it, in such a manner as you shall judge

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best, by Separating them as much as possible, that they may have no opportunity of Doing Mischief, or Returning to their Old Habitations; And I am persuaded the Country must Reap an Advantage from their Labour. The Removing of them from Nova Scotia appears to be Necessary at this time; as the greatest part of the Troops are Ordered from thence; but I must Confess had that not been the Case, I should have rather Advised the keeping them where they were; For notwith=standing the Natural Aversion all New Settlers have to any Neighbours who have been Suspected of Dissaffection, yet such a Number of Hands, in a New Country, could not fail of being of great Service, for its Cultivation & Improvement."

No. 4.. Governor Bernard's Answer, Dated Boston, 5th Septr. 1762.

"Yesterday Morning I received Yours of Augst. 30th I am fully Convinced of the Necessity of Send=ing the French out of Nova Scotia, and as there was no time to make a formal Disposition of them, am Satisfied with their being Sent to this Province. I am Willing to Charge Myself with any trouble which this Measure shall Occasion; but as to the Expences, I Conclude that it is not Intended to make this Province Chargeable with

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it any otherwise than as Creditors: I Form this Conclusion, not only from Govr. Belcher's assurance that all Expences should be Reimbursed, but from the Reasonableness of the thing: In this Confi=dence I shall Lay this Matter before the Coun=cil tomorrow; but as the Assembly meets on Wed=nesday, I know they will Refer it to the General Court, I shall be for Removing them from the Sea, & placing them in the Counties of Worcester, Hampshire, & Berkshire, from whence, if they do Escape, it must be towards New York Province, or Crown point, &ca."

"Since I Wrote the foregoing, the Affair has been fully Talked of in Council, the Result of which I transmit to you in the Copy of a Short Minute thereof: Upon Looking over Lt Govr. Belcher's Letter, I find he is Silent about the Expence of Maintaining them, it being in two Other Letters from Halifax, which were Read in our Council at the same time with Lt. Govr. Belcher's, in which it is Said, that they are Supported by the Crown, & would be of no Expence to this Government, Without being Assured of this I shall not know what to do with them; As it will be in vain to Expect that the Assembly will Undertake the Supporting them throughout this

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Winter at the Province Expence: In the former Transportation of Acadians, it is said the Whole Burthen Lay upon this Province & Connecticutt: As the Assembly will be for Rising before the Post can Return, & probably will do Nothing in this till I can Receive your Orders, I am obliged to Send this by* Express: I have allowed some Sick Women & Children to go on shore on Shirley point, where the Whole might be Accommodated, if the Expence was Settled: They brought two Month's provisions with them."

No 5. Minute of the Council, Referred to in the foregoing.—

The Governor Laid before the Council an Extract of the General's Letter, concerning the Acadians, lately Arrived from Nova Scotia, & De=sired their Advice on the Subject thereof

"Council Chamber 6th. Sepr. 1762.

"The Council was unanimously of opinion, that as the Assembly is to meet next Wednesday, it would be proper to Refer the Consideration of this Business to the General Court; And that as this Province has already been at great Expence in providing for Acadians heretofore Sent to it, to the Amount of £6000 Sterling, which has never been Repaid, & the Memory of this Expence

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is fresh, it would greatly facilitate the Assembly's Coming into proper Measures for the taking Care of these People, untill they can be Returned, if the Governor could Lay before them an Assurance from General Amherst, that a Commissary will be Appointed to pay all Charge, or if the Province is Desired to Undertake it, that it will be Re-imbursed. And it is Apprehended, that without some such Assurance this Business will meet with great Difficulties."—

No. 6.. Sir Jeffery Amherst's Answer to Govr. Bernard, Dated New York, 10th Sepr. 1762.

"Lt. Governor Belcher certainly Intended only to Defray the Expence of Transporting the Acadians to Boston: If those People are Immediately Ordered up into the Country, & Dispersed in the manner you propose, of which I Entirely Approve, I Don't think there can Arise much Charge to the Province, since they may be Obliged to Work for their Livelyhood, & I am well Convinced will be of Benefit to the Country; But I would by no means Advise the Landing them on Shirley point, as that would Render them altogether Useless, & Create a great Expence: It certainly will be better that they should be

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Dispersed than Continued together, to Contrive mis=chief. Whatever the Expenses may be, in Main=taining those People untill they are Disposed of in such manner as to Earn their own Bread, I cannot take up[sic] me to Order payment for; But I shall take the first opportunity of Repre=senting the Affair[sic] in its true Light to the Ministry at Home, which is all that I can do, as there are no precedents of such Charges being Defrayed by the Crown."

No. 7. Governor Bernard to Sir Jeffery Amherst, Dated Boston 17th Sepr 1762.

"I Hereby transmit to you the Answer I received from the House of Representatives this morning, which I the less Wonder at, when it Remains Undoubted here, that these people whilst at Nova Scotia, were maintained at the King's Ex=pence: I Mentioned to you two Letters, both Wrote by People of Consequence at Halifax, seem=ingly with a Design to Induce this Government to take them in: In One of them is this Clause_ "As they have been always Deemed Prisoners of "War & treated as Such, & it is Conceived no "Addition'l Expence will Accrue thereby to your "Province_" In the other is this_ "As they are

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"Prisoners of War, & as such Maintained by the "Crown, no Charge can Arise to you." – Also the Commanding Officer of the Transports Says, they were Maintained by the Crown in Nova Scotia, & that he Expected it would be so here."

No. 8. Answer of the Assembly, Referr'd to in the foregoing. –

"In the House of Representatives, Sept. 16th. 1762, Ordered that the following Message be Sent up to His Excellency the Governor, Vizt.

"May it please Your Excellency,

"The House having taken into their Con:sideration Your Excellency's Message of this Day, & the Papers Accompanying the Same, beg Leave to Observe to Your Excellency, That this Province has been, & now is at great Expence in main:taining & Supporting the Acadians heretofore Sent into this Province by the Govt. of Nova Scotia, whilst some Other of the Neighbouring Govern:ments have been Entirely free from any Such Expence: And altho' proper Applications have been Repeatedly made by our Agent for a Reimburse:ment, We have hitherto Received None; There:fore are of Opinion, That this Province be at no Expence on account of the Acadians Re:ferr'd to in Your Excellency's Message; And

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Desire Your Excellency would not permit them to Land.–"

No. 9. Sir Jeffery Amherst's Answer to Gov.r Bernard, Dated New York 21.st Sep.r 1762.

"The Assembly's Message to you, in regard to the Acadians, gives me great Concern, as this is a particular Exigency, when I would hope they would not Start Objections which can only Serve to Encrease the Expence, without Answering any End; for as these Acadians are sent from Nova Scotia, & that it would certainly be Imprudent to Order them back thither at this time, & that the Sending them to any Other Province would be Attended with the Same, & perhaps more Difficulties than can Arise by Dispersing them in the manner already proposed, in the Back parts of the Massachusetts; I must Request you will Use your utmost Influence with the Assembly, that they may Reconsider the Matter, & Empower you to give Directions for Landing the People, & for Disposing of them, untill His Majesty's pleasure is known concerning them, for which purpose I have already Acquainted you, I shall transmit an Account thereof to the Kings Ministers, & Doubt not but the Province will be hereafter Reimbursed for any Extraordinary Expence it may be put to, on Account of these Acadians."–

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Copy. 1.

Perth Amboy, 14th Augst 1762.

Sir,

Last Tuesday I had the Favor of Yours of the 4th Instant, Desiring that I will take the Earliest opportunity of Moving our Assembly to provide for Continuing in pay the same Number of Troops that Remained during the last Winter, I am now to Acquaint you, that at a Meeting of the Council last Night, it was determined to Call the General Assembly, to meet at Burlington the Second Tuesday in next Month, which is as Early as possible without Occasioning great Inconvenience to the Majority of the Members; however, for fear that His Majesty's Service should Suffer by this Delay, I have taken the Opinion of many of the Leading People in the House, who all Assure me, that they will chearfully make the Necessary provision on this occasion; In Consequence of which I have Wrote to Colonel Hunt (which Letter I beg you to Forward) and Ordered him to Re Enlist the Number of Men, with the proper Officers to Command them, without Loss of time, out of that part of the Regiment under his Command, & to give you Immediate Notice of his Proceedings.—

It gives me great Concern that you have

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so much Reason, to take Notice how little has been done in this Province towards Raising Recruits for the Regular Corps; Had the Assembly Granted the Means at their first Meeting, I am persuaded it would have been Attended with better Success; At this Season of the Year when the Labouring Men can get high Wages by the Country Business they will not Enlist; but I should hope when the Provincial Regiment comes to be Discharged, great Numbers of them will be tempted, by the fresh Bounty, to Offer themselves for this Service; You may be Assured I Will Use Every Method in my power to bring to Bear a Matter of so much Im=portance, both to His Majesty's Service, and the fu=ture Welfare of the Colonies. Before I go to Bur=lington I will Endeavor to See you at New York, in order to Consult with you on this Subject.–

I Have now upwards of Thirty Warrants out for Apprehending Deserters, but hitherto without Suc=cess; but if the Peace Officers will be diligent, I make no doubt of getting hold of Some of them.–

I am, with great Regard,

Sir,

&ca

Josiah Hardy.

His Excellency Sir Jeffery Amherst.

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Extract 7.

Newport Rhode Island Sepr. 6th 1762.

"Upon my Laying your Letter of the 4th Aug^st before the General Assembly, they (notwith=standing the truly distressed Circumstances of this Colony) very readily Voted the Company of Sixty Four Men, agreable to Your Excellency's Request, and Order=ed the same Bounty as was given last Year. Captain George Cornell, who is Charged with this Letter is Appointed Captain of this Company, & Col Rose is Empowered to Appoint a Subaltern, & I have Written to Col Rose to do Every thing in his power to Forward this Service.

It gives me the deepest Concern that Your Excellency should Imagine there is any Backward=ness in this Government in Raising the Recruits for the Regulars, & Should be of Opinion that this Colony is in Danger of Incurring His Majesty's Displeasure; but when Your Excellency Considers that the Number of Men required, & the Bounty proposed by Your Excellency were both readily Voted & Persons Appoint=ed in Each County to Enlist the Men, I Cannot but Flatter Myself, that Your Excellency will be Convinced that the Government hath Discovered the greatest Readiness to promote His Majesty's Service in this as well as other Instances; & that Your Excellency

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will be kind Enough to Represent the Colonys Con:
=duct, in this Matter, in the most favorable Light.
Last Week I Issued a Proclamation for Forwarding this Service: This day Lieut: Newland has Applied to me for Blank Enlisting Orders, which he will Deliver to such Persons as he shall prevail upon to Exert themselves in getting Men: To morrow I shall Cause them to be made out; And Your Ex:
=cellency may Rely upon my utmost Endeavors to promote this Important Service.—

Sam: Ward.

His Excell.y Sir Jeffery Amherst

Endorsed Extract / Letter from / Governor Ward to Sir / Jeffery Amherst – Dated / Newport Rhode Island, 6th Sept. 1762. / Acquainting the General, that, / in Consequence of his Requisition, / the Assembly of Rhode Island, had / Voted to Continue a Company / of Men during the Winter, and / that he had sent Orders for / Re Enlisting them Immediately, / Recd. in Sr. J. Amherst's of Sept. 23: 1762 / No. 18.

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Extract /

Castle William, Augst. 16th. 1762.

"I Have Received Yours of the 4th of August, Our Assembly stands prorogued to the 8th of Septr. on which day, or as soon after as the Business of the Country will permit, I shall Lay your Requisition before the Assembly, and Enforce the Necessity of their Complying with it.–

"The Disadvantages, especially in the Season of the Year, against the Recruiting the Regulars, was so great when it was set about, that the Number We have Raised, rather Exceeds my Expectation. The Recruiting Officers have lately done good Service, in Ferreting out the Deserters of former Years, by which, We have Gained some Regular Recruits: And that practice will be Effectually Discouraged for the future. If you should Continue the Regular Recruiting thro' the Winter, I Apprehend it will be Carried on with better Success.–"

Fra: Bernard.

His Excellency Sir Jeffery Amherst.

Endorsed Extract / Letter from Governor / Bernard to Sir Jeffery Amherst, / Dated Boston, 16th. August 1762 /

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Extract /.

New York, 22d August 1762

"As Your Assembly are to meet on the 8th Sept.r I hope it will be time Enough to Lay before them my Requisition for the Quota of Men to Remain during the Ensuing Winter, as You Assure me, You will Enforce the Necessity of their Com:=plying with my Demand; And therefore I Trust they will chearfully Enter into the Measure, that the Necessary Orders may be Sent for Re Enlisting the Men.—

"I Certainly mean that the Recruiting for the Regular Service should be Continued, untill the Quota required is Raised, as I know of no Other Way of Compleating the Regiments in this Country, and the Appearance of the Continuance of the War, Calls strongly for some Effectual Methods to be taken, in order that the several Regiments may be Com:=pleated to their Respective Establishments."

Jeff: Amherst.

His Excellency Gov.r Bernard.

Endorsed Extract / Letter from Sir / Jeffery Am:=herst to Governor / Bernard.—/ Dated New York,

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State of the Recruits Furnished by the Several Provinces, for the Regular Corps – New York September 1762.

State on the 14th Augst which was Enclosed to the Earl of Egremont, with Sir Jeffery Amherst's Letter of the 15th Do. –	Massachusetts Bay	91.	
	New York	1.	
	New Jersey	14.	
	Virginia *	132.	
	Rhode Island	7.	
	Newhampshire	34.	279.
Received & Approved of, since the 14th Augst	South Carolina	53.	
	North Carolina	48.	
	Virginia *	136.	
	Rhode Island	7.	244.
		Total	523.

* The Quota Demanded of the Colony of Virginia, was 268; So that they have just Compleated their Number, Vizt

132
Do. 136
268.

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My Lord

I received the 24th of last month from Sir Jeffery Amherst at New York a Box containing dis:=patches from your Lordship which I should have been very desirous to have had the honor of delivering but as I do not find myself able to Travel as fast as the Express may, I think it my Duty to forward it Directly and Shall do myself the Honor of Attending your Lordship as soon as I can gett to Town

I am with profound Respect
My Lord
Your Lordships
Most humble and
Most obedient Servant
J H Bastide

Falmouth Sunday 24th October 1762
Right Honourable Lord Earl of Egremont &c &c &c

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R 27th

New York 26th October 1762.

My Lord

Four days after the last Letter, which I did myself the honour of writing to your Lordship, on the 23d September by the Pitt Packet, His Majesty's Sloop of War Cygnet arrived here from the Havana, when I received Letters from Sir George Pocock and Lord Albemarle, acquainting me, I might expect the Provincials back, with the Royal, Amherst's Webbs 3d R: A: Battalion, and the New York Independent Companys, upon which I immediately took all the precautions possible, for the care of these Troops, least they might arrive in as feeble a condition as the last did.

The Men of Montgomery's remaining in so weak a State as not to be Able to move, I ordered the Porcupine Sloop to Newfoundland on the 27th.

On the 29th the Weazle Sloop of War arrived here, having had a very long passage, when I was honoured with your Lordships Dispatch of the 2d August, by which I had the Satisfaction to see that I had anticipated the King's most Gracious Commands, so conformably to His Majesty's Intentions, as rendered the late arrival of the Sloop of less consequence, than it otherwise might have been.

The Porcupine was at this time waiting for a wind at the Hook, and as your Lordship's Letter

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regarded solely the King's orders relative to Newfound:
:land, I transmitted a Copy of it to Lt Colonel Amherst.

On the 13th instant Captain Jervis in the Gos:
:port Man of War came in with dispatches from
Lord Colvill and Lt Col: Amherst, of the 20th September,
as Your Lordship will be fully informed by them,
of all their Transactions at New-foundland, I shall
only say, I have a great pleasure in thinking, that
The Troops from their good behaviour have continued
to deserve His Majesty's Approbation: a Company of
light Infantry and the wounded Men arrived in the Gosport.

On the 14th the Harriott Packet arrived, and I
had the utmost Satisfaction in receiving Your Lordships
Letter of 14th August, wherein you are pleased to
acquaint me, that Her Majesty The Queen was safely
delivered of a Prince, and that Her Majesty and
His Royall Highness were in as perfect health as
could be expected or wished: this great and good
News has been received here, My Lord, with an
universal Joy.

By the same Packet I had also the
honour of receiving Your Lordship's Letter of 23d July,
signifying His Majesty's Pleasure, that I should ap:
:point Mr Timberlake, to the first Lieutenancy that
became vacant in an old Regiment: there being at
the time a Vacancy in the Royal Highland Regiment

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I filled it up in his name, the day I was honoured with your Lordships Letter, and I shall remove him into an Older boys, the first Occasion that offers.

I am also to acknowledge the receipt at the same time of a second Letter from your Lordship of the 14th August, and Duplicates of your Letters of the 10th July and 2d August, your Letter informing me of Capt: Bonel's having been attacked by the Enemy, and obliged to throw the Mail overboard: this I had heard when I sent my last dispatch to your Lordship, and transmitted a duplicate of the one that was lost, at which time I answered your Lordship's Letter of the 10th July, and I have in the beginning of this Letter, owned the receipt of that of the 2d August.

On the intelligence I received from the Master of the Harriott Packet, of his having been chaced by a Fleet of Ships, which he took to be the Enemys, and this agreeing in some measure, with a Paragraph in the Papers, of the Enemys having got some Ships out to reinforce St Johns, I sent an account of it to Commodore Spry at Halifax, that he might be prepared, to frustrate any Attempts they may make, 'tho' I think it very improbable, they would risk any thing so late in the Season, and am pretty certain they would not succeed if

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they did.

On the 19th Lieutenant Colonel Amherst arrived here in the Enterprize Man of War: the 21st the Gosport sailed for Virginia to convoy the homeward bound Fleet, and on the 23d the Enterprize sailed for Halifax; the same day a Transport which had sailed with the Gosport from Newfoundland and parted Company came in with the second Company of light Infantry the rest of the Troops are sailed from thence for Louisburg and Halifax, except three compleat Companys of the 45th Regiment and a Detachment of Royal Artillery consisting of one Officer and seventeen Men, which are left at St Johns under the command of Captain Gealy: the French Troops sailed from thence on the 24th September.

On the 23d instant I received by a trading Vessel a Letter from the Earl of Albemarle of the 6th, acquainting me of the very great loss, the Troops have sustained since the Capitulation, having buried above three Thousand Men, and that His Lordship only proposed sending here the Provincials and Independents at present: His Lordship mentioned that the Weather grew cooler, and the Sick began to pick up a little.

I had flattered myself that by this time, I should have given your Lordship a good account of

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the State of the Sick, that returned here from the Havana, but the Remains of that Brigade have lost 198 Men since my last Letter to your Lordship; the Opinion of Mr Adair Surgeon which I enclose will best explain the State they are in, however I hope they are now on a recovering hand.

Every thing is well in Canada and the several Forts and Posts, except that a barbarous Murder has been committed near the Detroit, on a Trader Mr Clapham, formerly a Captain in the Pen=silvania Troops, by some Panis & Indians, and I have judged it necessary to empower Major Gladwin to call together as many Officers as he conveniently can for the trial of the Offenders, that they may receive their due punishment in the most just and publick manner, which I hope will deter others from committing such Cruelties for the future.

I now dispatch the Cygnet Sloop of War with such Transports as are fit to proceed to Eng=land, in which I send the Invalids of the Army, and the Officers of the 2d Battn of the Royal Highland Regiment: as Lord Colvill has ordered the Minerva Frigate to this Place after convoying the Troops to Halifax, I purpose to send the remainder of the Eng=lish Transports under her Convoy to England.

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I have the honour to be with the Utmost Respect

My Lord,

Your Lordships,

Most Humble

and most Obedient Servant

Jeffery Amherst.

Rt. Honble. Earl of Egremont.

Endorsed New York Octr. 26th / 1762. / Sir Jeffery Amherst / Rd. Decr. 1st

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Schedule of Papers Referred to, in M. General Sir Jeffery Amherst's Letter to The Right Honble The Earl of Egremont, Bearing Date, New York 26th Octor 1762.

No. 1. Copy. Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst to Lt Governor Fauquier; Signifying His Majesty's Gracious Acceptance of the Zeal, & His Approbation of the Conduct of the Colony of Virginia, in so readily Complying with the King's Requisitions, &ca. 1762. 24th Sepr

No. 2. Do Letter from Govr Fitch to Sir Jeffery Amherst; Acquainting him, that the Assembly of Connecticutt had made provision for Continuing the Quota of Men required for the Winter Service; & that he had Dispatched the Necessary Orders to the Colonel at Crown Point to Re Enlist the Men, &ca . . . . 18th Octr

No. 3. Do The General's Answer, That Relying on the Assembly of Connecticutt Coming into the Measure, for Continuing the Quota Required for the Winter Service, he had, before he received the Governor's Letter, Sent Orders to the Commanding Officer at Crown Point to Assist in Re Enlisting the Men, &ca 24th Octr

No. 4. Do. Sir Jeffery Amherst's Circular to the Governors on the Continent of North America, On the Retaking of St John's . . . . . 13th Octr

No. 5. Do. - List of the Transports Ordered to England

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with the Officers, &c., of the 2d. Battalion Royal Highland Regiment. . . . .

No. 6 Do. Lt. Colonel Amherst's Orders to Captain Gealy Left to Command at St. John's . . . . 1762 30th Sepr.

No. 7 Do. State of the Three Comps. of the 45th. Regt. Left at St. Johns . . . . 26th Sepr.

No. 8 Do. Mr. Adair's Report of the Condition of the Brigade Arrived at N. York from the Havannah 25th Octr.

Endorsed Schedule of Papers / Referred to in Mr. General Sir Jeffery Amherst's Letter / to The Right Honble. The / Earl of Egremont - / Dated New York, 26th. Octr. 1762. / in Sir J. Amhersts / of Octr. 26th. 1762.

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New York, 24th. Septr. 1762.

Sir,

It is no small Satisfaction to me, that, in Obedience to His Majesty's Commands to Signify to Such of the Provinces as shall have Exerted themselves in Complying with the King's Requisi=tions, His Gracious Acceptance of their Zeal, and His Approbation of their Conduct, the Colony of Virginia should be the First that Claims this High Honor.–

The Ready Complyance of your Assembly, in making the Necessary Provision for both the Requisitions of His Majesty, and the Zeal & Spirit particularly Exerted in Compleating the Quota of Men Demanded for the Regular Corps, are strong proofs of the Loyalty of the Colony in General, and of the great Regard they Pay to His Majesty's Commands; And I am now, in His Royal Name, to Signify to You His Gra=cious Acceptance of the Zeal of the Colony & Dominion of Virginia, and His Approbation of their Conduct, which you will Please to make Known to Your Council & Assembly, on the first Occasion, to the End that they, as well as their Constituents, may See how Acceptable their Services

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have been to the King.—

I am, with great Regard,

Sir

&ca.

Jeff: Amherst.

The Honble —
Lt Govr. Fauquier }

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Copy 1.

New York, 13th Octor. 1762.

Sir,

I Have the Satisfaction to Inform You, that by the Gosport Man of War, just now Arrived from St. John's, I have Received Letters from Lord Colvill, & Lt. Colonel Amherst, Acquainting me that the Ships under His Lordship's Command, and the Troops under the Command of Lt. Colonel Amherst, had Re=taken St. John's; the Garrison Consisting of Seven Hundred & Seventy Men, under the Command of the Compte D' Haussonville, having Surrendered by Capitu=lation on the 18th September, to be Prisoners of War, whereby that Place and Consequently the Whole Island of Newfoundland, becomes again Entirely into His Majesty's Possession: This gives me a particular pleasure, as the Dislodging the Enemy from thence is of so much Consequence to the Trade of this Continent: I Enclose you a Copy of the Articles of Capitulation, as they have been Transmitted to me by Lt. Colonel Amherst.—

I am, with great Regard,

Sir, &ca.

Jeff: Amherst,

N.B. The Foregoing Letter, To all the Governors on the Continent of North America.—

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List of the Transports Ordered to England, under Convoy of the Cygnet Sloop of War; With the Officers & Non Commissioned Officers of the 2d Battn. Royal Highland Regimt. Embarked on Board Each Vessell; And also the Invalids belonging to Several Regiments. New York, 26th October 1762.

Vessells Names	Masters Names	Officers &ca. Ordered to Embark.
Unity	Geo: Boag	1 Captain, 2 Subs: 2 Serjts. & 2 Corpls. .. 42d. Regt. 39 Invalids, belonging to Several Regts. & a Mate of the Hospital. 24 Women, & 17 Children.
John & Mary	Fras. Skinner	1 Capt: 2 Subs: 2 Serjts 2 Corpls. & 1 Drum. 42d Regt. 1 Capt Lieut: & 13 Invalids of the Royal Artillery. With some Ordnance Stores, &ca.
Garland	M. Rockwood	1 Capt: 5 Subs. 6 Serjts. 6 Corpls. & 1 Drum .. 42d Regt.
Bird	W. Burchett	1 Capt: 4 Subs. 5 Serjts. 6 Corpls. & 2 Drums .. 42d Regt.
Felicity	Richd. Martin	1 Capt: 3 Subs. 1 Surgeon, 3 Serjts. 4 Corpls. & 2 Drums .... 42d Regt.

Endorsed: List of the Transports / Ordered to England with the / Officers &ca. of the 2d Battn. / Royal Highrs. / New York, 26th Octr. 1762 - / in Sir J. Amhersts / of Octr. 26th 1762. / No. 5.

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Copy/.

Lt. Colonel Amherst's Orders To Captain Gualy of the 45th. Regt. Left to Command at St. John's.–

That the Fort of St. John's may be kept in a Respectable State, I Leave to Garrison it, Three Companies of the 45th. Regiment, with One Subaltern Officer, One Non Commissioned Officer, One Conductor, & Fifteen Men of the Royal Artillery, of which You are Appointed to take the Command.

Any thing that Should Happen here so Material as that His Majesty's Ministers should be Acquainted with it, You will Send an Account of to The Earl of Egremont, or His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State.

You will also Send Accounts of Every thing Material that may happen to His Majesty's Commander in Chief in North America.–

St. John's Sepr. 30th 1762.

Endorsed: Copy/. Lt. Colonel Amherst's / Orders / To Captain Gualy, Left to Command at / St. John's. / Dated St. John's 30th. Sepr. 1762. / in Sir J. Amherst's / of Octr. 26th. 1762. / No. 6.

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Return of the State of Three Companys of the 45th Regimt. that remains at St Johns Newfoundland Sepr. 26th 1762 —

Companies		Captain	Lieutenants	Ensigns	Serjeants	Drummers	Rank & file	Women	Total —
Major Wallers's		"	2	,	3	2	70	3	80
Captains	Cosnan's	"	1	1	3	2	70	3	80
	Gauly's	1	1	1	3	2	70	3	81
Total		1	4	2	9	6	210	9	241

Detachment of Artillery Commanded by Lieut: Eyre

	Commisd. Offrs	Non Commisd.	Rank & file	Conductors	Total —
Total	1	1	15	1	18

N.B: These Troops have 300 days Provision left with them —

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Report of the Condition of the Brigade that came from the Havannah. October 25th 1762 –

According to your Excellency's order, I have again visited the different Hospitals of the above Brigade. I am sorry to acquaint you, that there are Still, in my opinion, a great many that cannot recover; and the men that have been turned out of the Hospitals cured, do not recover their strength, but after the least Fatigue, or rainey weather, relapse again; this I am affraid will be the case 'till the frost sets in, which will brace them up, & I am hopefull will be of great service to them. I have the Satisfaction to acquaint Your Excellency, that I believe there is all the care taken of them that's possible, and every remedy tryed, that cou'd be thought of use to them, but they were so far reduced before they Arrived here, that the distempers of many, seem to be beyond the reach of Medicine

John Adair

(Copy)

Endorsed Copy / Mr. Adairs / Report of the Condition / of the Brigade that came / from the Havannah / Oct: 25th 1762 / in Sr J. Amherst's of / Octr. 26th 1762 / No. 8.

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New York 30th November 1762.

My Lord

By the arrival of the Halifax Packet which came in on the 26th instant after a long passage, I am honored with two Letters from your Lordship of 11th Septr: acquainting me of your having re:=ceived my dispatch of the 20th July, and His Majesty's gracious Approbation thereon, and informing me, that the King and His most Christian Ma:=jesty had named Ambassadors to treat of a Peace.

I am also to acknowledge the Receipt of a Duplicate of your Lordship's Letter of the 14th August, the Original of which I did myself the honor to answer on the 26th October, which is my last dis:=patch to your Lordship, and sent by the Cygnet Sloop of War.

On the 30th October the Scarborough man of War arrived here from England, the Captain ac:=quainting me that he was to have proceeded to Quebec, but being too late in the Season, I judged it proper to desire him to convoy a Transport with some Officers and upwards of two hundred recovered Men, reported by the Surgeons fit to joyn their Regiments, at Martinique Guadaloupe and the Havana.

On the 8th instant the Minerva Frigate arriv:=ed at the Hook with part of her Convoy from

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Halifax, the remainder have since arrived safe, and I purpose to send six English Transports, which are repairing here under her Convoy, but I imagine they will not be ready before the October Mail arrives, that should the Service require their remaining here, they may be kept.

On the 19th instant a Transport arrived from the Havana and since that seventeen more are come in, which are part of thirty two, that sail=ed from the Havana the 21st October under Con=voy of the Intrepid: these Transports bring back the Provincials the Officers of the New York Independent Companys and of Gorhams Rangers, which Corps have been drafted into the Regiments remaining at the Havana: Lord Albemarle has also sent some Officers of each Corps to try to recruit and to provide Camp Equipage.

I enclose to Your Lordship a list of the Transports as they have arrived, with the Casualties on board each on their passage, which I am sorry to say are equall to what happened to the other Troops that were sent here, and by what I can judge the Provincials will have lost half their men from the time they sailed from hence: Colonel Burton is on board the Intrepid and I conclude has Letters for me from Lord Albemarle.

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The Sickness of the Troops first arrived from the Havana is not yet quite Stoped, this has reduced their numbers so much that the Remains of the two Battalions of Royal Highlanders will I fear be dwindled to half a Battalion, the one Battalion formed out of the two, now wanting to compleat 231 Men.

I send your Lordship a State of the Recruits from the Provinces, and I shall not relax in the least my Endeavours to urge them to compleat their Quotas, that I may send Recruits to the Regiments at the Havana and fill up Gorham's and the New York Independents.

A barbarous Murder of two men has been committed by some Indians at the Canusadaga Castle in the Senecas Country: I have wrote in the Strongest manner to Sir William Johnson to insist on the Offenders being delivered up, that they may receive a punishment adequate to their horrid Crime.

Every thing is well in Canada and all the Posts, the Provincials raised for the Summer are all marched back to their homes, excepting such as are to remain during the Winter.

Permit me, My Lord, to mention that in this very great Extent of Country, I imagine it would tend greatly to the Publick Good if His Majesty

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thought proper to make a Seat of Government and a Separate Government of the Detroit: and I should think it would be much to the benefit of this Country if distinct Governments were formed at Crown Point and Niagara, the two last are not so essentially necessary as the first, yet I think they would be very advantageous in settling, peopling, subjecting, and aggrandizing His Majesty's vast Dominions here.

I dispatch the Harriot Packet with this and have the honour to be with the utmost Respect

My Lord
Your Lordships
Most Humble
and most Obedient Servant
Jeffery Amherst.

Right Honourable
Earl of Egremont.

Endorsed New York Nov.r 30th: 1762 / Sir Jeff: Amherst / R. Dec.r 30th.

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Schedule of Papers Referred to, in Major General Sir Jeffery Amherst's Letter to The Right Hon.ble The Earl of Egremont, Bearing Date at New York, 30th Novemr. 1762.

No. 1. Extract/. Letter from Sir Wm Johnson to Sir Jeffery Amherst; Acquainting the General of two Men being Murdered by the Indians, near One of the Seneca's Castles; And of the Measures he was taking for the Delivering up of the Murderers, &ca. . . . . 1762. 12th Novr.

No. 2. Do. . . . Sir Jeffery's Answer; Expressing his Concern at the Inhumanity of the Indians, in Murdering the two Men that were coming from Niagara; And Assures Sir William, that if the Indians did not, on his Application, Deliver up the Offenders, He (the General) would give Immediate Orders for the March of a Body of Men, to take Revenge on the Nation, or Village, to which the Murderers belong . . . . 21st Novr.

No. 3. General Return of the Troops that Embarked at the Havannah, on Board the Transports Destined for New York; And that are Arrived at the said Place; With the Casualties that happened on the Passage . . . . 30th Novr.

No. 4. Copy/. . . Mr. Adair's Report of the Condition of the Provincial Troops, Arrived from the Havannah 30th Novr.

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No. 5. List of the Transports that Sailed from the Havannah, on the 21st October 1762, under Convoy of His Majesty's Ship Intrepide; Speci:=fying the English as well as American Ves:=sells, & the Number Arrived at New York, the 29th Novr. 1762.

No. 6. General Return of the Recovered Men, belonging to the Regiments in the West Indies, Sent to Joyn their Respective Corps, in the Brotherly Love Transport, which Sailed from New York, on the 20th Novr. 1762, under Convoy of the Scarborough Man of War: Also the Number of those that Remain in Sick Quarters at New York & the Jersey. .

No. 7. List of Recruits Furnished by the Provinces, and Approved of, since the Return sent home, the 23d of September 1762. . . . . 30th Novr.

Endorsed Schedule of Papers. Referred to, in Major General/ Sir Jeffery Amherst's Letter / to The Right Honble. The Earl / of Egremont, Bearing Date,/ New York 30th. Novr. 1762.

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Extract /.

Fort Johnson Nov.r 12th. 1762.

"Just now One Allen from Niagra Arrived here in Company with two Seneca Indians; he Informs me, that about a Fortnight ago, he being in Company with One William Newkirk of the Mohawk Country, & his own Servant, were met on the Banks of the Seneca Lake, near to the Castle of that Nation, called Canussadagey, by Two Indians of Kanestio, a Village towards the Ohio, who Shook hands with Newkirk, and after passing them by Immediately Faced about, and Fired upon them, by which Newkirk & the Servant were Killed, and Allen's Horse Shot under him, & Himself made Prisoner, That the Indians of the Seneca Castle freed him, and after Expressing great Concern for what had happened, they sent two Indians with him hither, One of them Charged with Several Belts of Wampum, Excusing themselves from having any part therein, or being Privy thereto. _ I Have thereupon Dispatched a Message to that Nation, or Village, Requiring them Immediately to Deliver up the Offenders, on pain of our Resenting it on the Castle to which they belong; and as these Indians were Likewise Charged, to Inform me that their Nation have Immediately Called a Meeting thereon at Onondago, where they Request the

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Presence of the Mohawks, I shall therefore Send Lieut. Johnson to Attend the Same with proper Instructions for that purpose."—

Wm Johnson.

His Excellency —
Sir Jeffery Amherst.

Endorsed Extract/ Letter from Sir/ William Johnson to Sir/ Jeffery Amherst — / Dated Fort Johnson, 12th Novr 1762./ Acquainting the General of two Men being Murdered by the/ Indians, near One of the Senecas/ Castles; And of the Measures/ he was taking for the Delivering up of the Murderers, &ca ; in Sr J: Amherst's of Novr 30:/ 1762. No 1.

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Extract./

New York, 21st Novr 1762

"In a Letter from Colonel Bradstreet, which I had Opened just before Yours, I Was Shocked on Reading that the two Men who Accompanied Allen from Niagara, had been Murdered by the Indians: The Particulars mentioned by you, Discover such a Spirit of Wanton Cruelty in those Savages that no Punishment can be too Severe for the Perpetrators of such Horrid Deeds: I Cannot but Approve of the Steps you have already taken to have the Offenders Delivered up, and I shall be glad they are Attended:ed with Success; for I am to Acquaint You, that no Excuses from the Indians will Avail, as I am Determined that the Murderers shall be Delivered up, or I will give Immediate Orders for the March of a Body of Men, to take Revenge on the Nation, or Village, to which they belong: It will therefore Be:hove them to Consider Seriously of the Message you Send them; for I once more Repeat, that no Ex:pressions of Concern, or Excuses of any kind, for the past Crime, will Atone; but that I Insist on the Delivering up of the Murderers: This, I Trust, they will do, on your Application, without Forcing me to Measures which I would Avoid, if possible; But were I to Overlook this Fresh Instance of their Barbarity,

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I should think Myself, in some Degree, Accessary to their Crimes; And I must Desire you will peremptori=
=ly Insist on the Murderers being Delivered up to You."

Jeff: Amherst.

Sir William Johnson, Bart.

Endorsed Extract / Letter from Sir / Jeffery Amherst to Sir Wm / Johnson.- Dated New York, 21st Novr 1762./ In Answer to Sir Wm's of ye 12th Do. Expressing his Concern at the / Inhumanity of the Indians, in / Murdering the two Men that were / Coming from Niagara; And / Assures Sir William that if / the Indians did not on his / Application, Deliver up the / Offenders, he (the General / would / give Immediate Orders, for the / March of a Body of Men, to take / Revenge on the Nation, or Village / to which the Murderers belong.- / in Sr J. Amherst's of Novr 30 / 1762 / No. 2.

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General Return of the Troops that Embarked at the Havannah, on Board the Transports Destined for New York & that are Arrived at the said Place with the Casualties that Happened on the Passage. 30th Novr. 1762.

Names of the Transports.	Regiments, or Corps.	No. of Men Embarked at the Havannah Including Officers	Died on the Passage	Arrived at New York.
Kitty	Gorham's Rangers	14	3	11
Vulture	Ditto	10	2	8
Polly	Connecticutt Provls.	65	13	52
Boscawen	Ditto	57	10	47
Duke of York	Ditto	81	20	61
Free Mason	New York Provls.	63	19	44
King of Prussia	Rhode Island Provls.	70	13	57
Diamond	Ditto	42	13	29
Francis	Royal Artillery	15	3	12
	27th Regt.	10	2	8
Oliver	Royal Artillery	1	–	1
	48th Regt.	11	1	10
	Coventry's N. York Indt. Cy.	11	2	9
James	27th Regt.	6	1	5
	28th Do.	2	–	2
	35th Do.	2	–	2
	40th Do.	15	2	13
	45th Do.	2	1	1
Elizabeth 1st	Royal Artillery	16	1	15
	Rhode Island Provls.	4	–	4
Cæsar	Royal Artillery	3	–	3
Temple	Ditto	2	–	2
Venus	46th Regt.	15	4	11
	Connecticutt Provls.	40	12	28
Resolution	Connecticutt Provls.	107	21	86
Margery	9th Regt.	16	3	13
	60th Regt.	1	1	—
	Connecticutt Provls.	11	2	9
Died on Board the Royal Duke, before she Sunk, the Men that Remain'd being taken up by other Vessels	Connecticutt Provls.	—	46	—
		692	195	543

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Names of the Regular Officers who Died on the Passage.

9th Regt. Lieut: Waller.

22d Regt. { Lieut. Hamilton / Lieut. & Adjut: Neale

27th Regt. Lieut: Symcocks.

61th Regt. Lieut: Nutterville

Endorsed General Return of / the Troops that Embarked / at the Havannah, on Board / the Trans=ports Destined for New / York; and that are Arrived at / the said Plac; with the Casualties that hap=pened on / the Passage – New York, 30th Novr. 1762 / in Sr. J. Amherst's of Novr. 30: 1762; No. 3.

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Copy/

Report of the Condition of the Provincial Troops, Returned from the Havannah—

According to your Excellency's Orders, I have Visited the Provincial Troops, & find many of them so Ill, that they Cannot Recover, and many of the Rest in a very Dangerous way, tho' in general I do not find them so bad as the Brigade of Regular Troops that Arrived before them; this I impute to the Latter being a much Longer time in the West Indies, & undergoing greater fatigue than the former.—

The advantage I Expected from the Cold Weather has not been so great as I Expected, for the Men that were Recovering got great help from it, yet those that were very Weak have Suffered by it.—

John Adair

Endorsed Copy: Mr. Adair's / Report / of the Condition of the / Provincial Troops Arrived / from the Havannah / New York, 30th Nov. 1762 / in Sr. J. Amherst's of Nov. 30: 1762, No. 4.

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List of the Transports that Sailed from the Havannah, on the 21st October, 1762 under Convoy of His Majesty's Ship Intrepide, Specifying the English as well as American Vessells, & the Number Arrived at New York, the 29th November 1762.—

Vessells Names	Burthen Tons	Where taken into the Service	Where on the 29th November 1762
Resolution	238	England	Arrived at New York—
Vulture	240		
Venus	317		
Marlborough	625	England	Put into South Carolina—
Royal Duke	476	Ditto	Sunk at Sea, but the People all saved
Hopewell (4)	183	Ditto	Not arrived—
Amity's good Intent	199	Ditto	
Jane & Elizabeth	276	Ditto	
Neptune	234	Ditto	
King of Prussia	235	America	Arrived at New York—
Boscawen	176		
Duke of York	160		
Polly	157		
Anne	148		
Temple	117		
Free Mason	153		
Diamond	132		
Kitty	166		
James (2d)	348		
Margery	155		
Elizabeth (1st)	236		
Caesar	325		
Oliver	269		
Francis	311		
Elizabeth (2d)	172	America	Not Arrived—
York & Halifax	88		
Lawrence	100		
Lydia	183		
Two Friends	106		
Nancy	167		
Young Samuel	216		

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The Transport Patience in which there were no Troops, put back to the Havannah—

The Minerva Man of War, is now Ready to Sail for England, And is to take under her Convoy, the Vulture Transport, in the foregoing List, with the following that Arrived here before Vizt.

Hercules

Grampus

Amity's Assistance

Dutches of Hamilton

Love & Unity

All the Rest of the English Transports will be Sent Home as soon as they Arrive, and are fit to proceed to Sea, And the American Vessells are Discharged as they Come in.—

The Names of the Transports not yet Arrived, are only taken from the Reports of the Masters of those that are come in, so that there may be some Mistakes; for Colonel Burton, being in the Intrepide, who I Imagine has my Dispatches, I have not Received any Authentick List.—

J: Amherst.

Endorsed List of the Transports / that Sailed from the Havannah / on the 21st Octr. 1762, under / Convoy of His Majesty's Ship / Intrepide, Specifying the / English as well as American / Vessells, & the Number Arrived / at New York the 29th. Novr. 1762. / in Sr. J. Amhersts of Novr. 30 / 1762 / No. 5.

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General Return of the Recovered Men, belonging to the Regts in the West Indies, Sent to Joyn their Respective Corps, in the Brotherly Love Transport which Sailed from New York, on the 20th Novr 1762, under Convoy of the Scarborough Man of War: Also the Number of those that Remain in Sick Quarters at New York, & the Jerseys.—

Regiments	No. of Men Embarked	Total Embarked	No. of Men Remg in Sick Quarters	Where the Regts are Stationed
69th Regt	6	11	1	Martinique
76th	2			
100th	3			
4th	6	25	11	Guadaloupe
63d	8		6	
65th	11		7	
9th	2	176		Havannah
22d	31		6	
27th	35		7	
28th	26		2	
35th	36		[illegible]	
40th	7		2	
43d	10		1	
56th	1			
58th	9		2	
90th	10		3	
95th	9		2	
		212	55.	

N B: The Men belonging to Martinique are under the Care of Capt. Lt Baggs of the 69th Regt.— Those for Guadaloupe under Lt. Cosby of the 4th Regt & Lieut: Fortye of the 35th, Regt. has the Charge of the Men for the Havannah, with Ensign Parker of the 27th & Ensign Tudor of the 43d the Latter to give his Assistance as Surgeon, if Necessary, being provided with a proportion of Medecines for that purpose.—

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List of the Recruits Furnished by the Provinces, and Approved of, since the Return Sent home the 23d Sepr. 1762.

South Carolina	4.
New York	64.
Rhode Island	24.
Massachusetts Bay	56.
Newhampshire	4.
	152.
By the Return of 23d Sepr.	523.
Total	675.

J Amherst.

Endorsed List of Recruits Furnished/ by the Provinces, & Approved of, Since the Return Sent / home, the 23d Septemr. 1762./ New York, 30th Novr. 1762./ in Sir J. Amherst's of Novr. 30./ 1762/ No. 7.

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New York 16th December 1762.

My Lord

The day after I did myself the honour of writing to you by the Harriott Packet on the 30th November, Colonel Burton in His Majesty's Ship Intrepid arrived here, and on the 3d instant, the Duke of Cumberland Packet came in, when I was honoured with Your Lordships Letter of the 9th October, and a Duplicate of the 11th Septr the Original of which I answered in my last dispatch, and I now beg leave to assure you, that I want words to express the high Satisfaction I enjoy, on His Majesty's gracious Approbation of my Conduct.

I have already acquainted Your Lordship with the State of the Brigade that arrived here from the Havana, and the great deficiency of its numbers, and I now enclose an exact state of the Troops in North America, by which your Lordship will see that very few, were they recovered so as to be fit for service, can be spared for any Expedition at present. I also transmit to you a List of the Vessels on the Lakes.

From the very great loss of the Troops at the Havana, I have judged it of the greatest importance in the first place to send all the Recruits I can possibly get to that Place, for which purpose I have disposed of the Officers in the several Provinces,

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recommending it to the Governours in the strongest manner, to give them their Assistance, and I purpose to send the Recruits to the Havana as fast as they can be raised, to reinforce the Troops there, as well as to secure the Recruits from desertion, which never fails happening if they are not immediately disposed of. I shall at the same time try to get every thing here in the best Order I can, to be ready for any service the King may think proper to command.

Five of the Transports that sailed under Con:=voy of the Intrepid are yet missing, one has foun:=dered at Sea, loaded with Artillery and Stores, but the Men were saved, another has been lost at the East side of Long Island, the Crew also saved. I send your Lordship a list of the Transports arrived since my Last, with the Casualties that have happen:=ed on board.

There being two Packets here I dispatch the Halifax with this, and as Captain Debbeig Engineer is taking over some Plans of the intended Works at Halifax, he is the bearer of this.

I have the honour to be with the utmost Respect
My Lord / Your Lordships
Most Humble / and most Obedient Servant
Jeffery Amherst.

Right Honble / Earl of Egremont.

Endorsed New York, Decr. 16th 1762. / Sir Jeff: Amherst. / R. Feby. 8th. 1763, by Capt. Debbeig

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Schedule of Papers Referred to in Major General Sir Jeffery Amherst's Letter to The Right Honble The Earl of Egremont, Bearing Date at New York 16th December 1762.

No. 1. State & Disposition of His Majesty's Troops Serving in North America . . . . Decr. 1762.

No. 2. List of the Vessels on the Several Lakes in North America . . . . Decr. 1762.

No. 3. General Return of the Troops Embarked at the Havannah on Board the Transports Destined for New York, & have Arrived at Said Place, since the Return Sent Home the 30th Novr. 1762; With the Casualties that happened on the Passage . . . . Decemr. 1762.

No. 4. Disposition of the Recruiting Parties Arrived from the Havannah . . . . Decr. 1762.

No. 5. Copy of Circular Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst, to the Governors of the Northern Colonies in America; Requesting their Countenance and Assistance to the Recruiting Parties Arrived from the Havannah; & Sent to their Respective Governments . . . . 8th Decr. 1762

No. 6. Do. . . . Letter from Do. to the Governors of Pensylvania & Maryland, on the Same Subject . . . . . same Date

No. 7. Do. . . . Letter from Do. to the Governors of Virginia, & South Carolina Likewise on the Same Subject. 8th & 12th Decr.

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No. 8. Do. .. Letter from the Earl of Albemarle to Sir Jeffery Amherst .. Dated Havana ...... 19th Octor.

No. 9. Do. .. Abstract of Guns, Mortars, & Howitzers Ship'd at the Havannah for New York ...... 30th Sepr.

No. 10. Do. .. Bill of Lading of the Ordnance, Mortars, & Howitzers, &ca, Ship'd on Board the Caesar Transport .... 30th Sepr.

Endorsed Schedule of Papers, Referred to in Major General/ Sir Jeffery Amherst's Letter; to the Right Honble The/ Earl of Egremont, Dated/ New York, 16th Decemr. 1762.

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State & Disposition of His Majestys Troops Serving in North America

Decemr. 1762.

Where Stationed	Regiments or Corps	Number of Men, Includg. Officers, by the Last Returns		Wanting to Compleat Rank & File.
At Quebec, & Within its Dependencies	Lascelles's		644	125.
	Royl. Amerns. 2d. Battn.		645	120.
	Frasers 11 Comps.	Frasers	957	135.
At Trois Rivieres, & Within its Dependencies	Frasers, 3 Comps.			
	Royl. Amers. 4th. Batt. 2 Comps.	4th Batt. R. Amn.	645	136.
At Montreal, & Within its Dependencies	Royl. Amers. 4th Batt. 8 Comps.			
	Abercromby's		769	12.
Crown Point; With all the Posts down to Albany Inclusively, are Occupyed by	Five Comps. of Gansells; And the Following Detachmts. of Provincials Remain at Crown Point, & Tienderoga during the Winter, Vizt. Massachusetts . . . 292 Connecticutt . . . 226. Newhampshire . . . 51 Includ. officers 567	Gansells	611	38.
Fort Ontario at Oswego With all the Posts down to Schenectady, Inclusively are Occupyed by the Other	Five Comps. of Gansell's And 173 of the New York Provincials Likewise Remain at Oswego during the Winter			
At Fort Wm. Augustus, & Oswegatchie	Four Comps. of Wilmots	Wilmots	467	78.
At Niagara	One Compy. of Wilmots Two Comps. R: Ams. 1st. Batt. & 64 Jersey Provls. are to Remain there during the Winter			
Fort Pitt, Presque Isle, Sandusky & the Several Posts in the Province of Pensylvania, are Occupyed by	Five Comps. R. Am. 1st. Battn.	1st Batt. Royl. Ams.	745	39.
The Detroit, Michillimakinac La Baye, Miames, St. Joseph, Ouyatanon, &ca. are Occupied by the Other	Three Comps. R. Ams. 1st. Battn.			
	Hopkins's Rangers	Compleat	114	
		Carried over	5597	663.

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Where Stationed	Regiments or Corps	Number of Men, Including Officers as by the Last Returns.	Wanting to Compleat Rank & File.
		Bro.t Over ... 5597	... 683.
In Nova Scotia ...	Five Comp.s of the Royal.	Compleat ... 463	
	Five D.o of Montgomery's.	D.o ... 390	
	There are likewise 268 of the Massachusetts Provincials to Remain there during the Winter.		
At Cape Breton, & its Dependencies	Seven Comp.s of Boscawen's	Boscawen's ... 763	... 17.
At St. John's Newfoundland	Three Ditto ...		
At Placentia Newfoundland	One Comp.y of Armigers ...	... 111	... 24.
In South Carolina ... & Georgia ...	Three Independ.t Comp.ys & Two Troops of Rangers ...	Supposed to be 300 Supposed Compl.te 150	
		7764	724

State of the Brigade Arrived from the Havannah, & now Cantoned among the Inhabitants, on Long Island; Taken from the Returns, 24th Nov.r 1762. This Includes all the Regulars, Except the Officers Sent to Recruit. —

Regiments or Corps	N.o of Men, Includ.g Officers	Wanting to Compleat Rank & File.		
Monckton's	* 434	216		
1st Battalion Roy.l High.rs	480	231	1229	799
Nine Comp.s of Montgomery's	315	352		
	1229	799	8993	1523

* In These are Included One Hundred Sixty Two Recruits, that have been Sent with proper Officers to Crown Point, to Prevent Desertion. —

Total Number of Troops, Including Officers, in the Governments of Canada, & on the Continent of North America, from Newfoundland to Georgia, Inclusively, agreable to the Foregoing State ... 8993.

Rank & File, Wanting to Compleat ... 1523.

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N. B. The Officers & Men of the Royal Artillery, Divided in the Several Garrisons & Posts are not Included in the Foregoing State.

There are 55 Men, Including Non Commission'd Officers, belonging to the Regiments in the West Indies, Remaining in Sick Quarters in the Jerseys, under the Care of Major Corry of the 28th Regiment: Such as are fitt to Joyn their Regiments, will be Sent Im:=mediately with some Recruits from the Massachusetts Government that are Arrived here. The Several Recruit:=ing Parties Arrived from the Havannah, are Disposed of among the Provinces: The Provincials that are Re-=turned from the Havannah, are Sent to their Re:=spective Homes, Excepting Such as are too Weak to be Moved, & they are taken into the Hospital.—

Endorsed State & Disposition / of His Majesty's Troops / Serving in North America, Decemr. 1762. / in Sr. J. Amherst's of Decr. 16. 1762 / No. 1.

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List of the Vessells in the Several Lakes in North America.
Decr 1762.

Names of the Lakes.	What Kind of Vessells.	Names of the Vessells	No of Guns.
Erie	Schooner	Huron	4. Four pounders.
	Sloop	Michigon	10. Six pounders.
Ontario	Snow	Mohawk	18. Six pounders.
	Snow	Johnson	16. Six pounders.
	Sloop	Missisaga	10. Four pounders
	Schooner	Mercury	4. Four pounders.
Champlain	Brig	Duke of Cumberland	18. Six pounders.
	Sloop	Boscawen	14. Six pounders
	Sloop	Brockette	8. Four pounders.
	Sloop	Lachegon	8. Four pounders.
	Sloop	Maskenonge	8. Four pounders.
	Sloop	Waggon	8. Four pounders.
	Schooner	Vigilante	8. Four pounders.

N.B. The Vessells on Lakes Ontario & Champlain, the Last Summer, were Fitted for Carrying Provisions.—

Endorsed List of the Vessells on / the Several Lakes in / North America / Decr 1762 / in Sr J. Amhersts of Decr 16: 1762 / No 2.

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General Return of the Troops that Embarked at the Havannah on Board the Transports Destined for New York, & have Arrived at said place, since the Return Sent Home the 30th Nov.r 1762, With the Casualties that Happened on the Passage. –

Names of the Transports.	Regiments or Corps	No. of Men Embarked at the Havanna Includ. 9 Officers	Died on the Passage	Arrived at New York
Anne	Jersey Provincials	55	8	47.
Elizabeth (2d)	22d Regt.	16	2	14.
	28th Do.	10	—	10.
Jane & Elizabeth	Connecticutt Provincials	123	35	88.
Young Samuel	Jersey Provincials	85	19	66.
	Connecticutt Provls taken from the Royal Duke, when she sunk	12	—	12.
Hopewell	New York Provincials	79	27	52.
Nancy	Royal	2	—	2.
	56th Regt.	11	—	11.
Neptune	New York Provincials	85	23	62.
Intrepide Man of War.	34th Regt. taken from the Caesar	16	3	13.
	New York Provls. taken from Ships in Distress	19	—	19.
	Connecticutt Do. 13. Do. Embark'd at the Havanna 66	79	4	75.
Amity's Good Intent	New York Provincials N.B. The Amity's Good Intent being Leaky, put into South Carolina & the Men Embarked on Board another Vessel called the Betsey, an Empty Transport belonging to the Fleet that came out with the First Brigade, & being Leaky was Ordered into Carolina, by Capt Houlton of the Enterprize, who Convoyed the Fleet. The Betsey sailed from that Town with the Yorkers; but was Lost on the Back of Long Island, the Men saved. The Return of the Men Emlarked at the Havannah, Stands thus, Vizt. Put on Board the Intrepide 11 Left sick at South Carolina 11 Arrived at New York 38 Died on the Passage to So. Carola. 19 Died on ye Passage from Do. to N. York 10	89	29	60
		681	150	531

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The Ship Patience, on Board of which were Partys of the 35th & 43d Regts put Back to the Havannah: The Party of the 35th then Embarked in the Betsey & Polly, and that of the 43d in the Sloop Patience; They Sailed the 13th Last Month. The Sloop Patience is Arrived here with the Party of the 43d, Vizt 2 Officers, 1 Corpl. 2 Drumrs & 1 Private; And gives an Account that the Betsey & Polly parted Company in a Hard Gale, & was Supposed to have Bore away for the Matanzas.

N.B. In the Last List, the Caesar & Temple were Returned as Arrived at New York, which proved to be a Mistake Owing to some of the Men having Landed from Other Vessells, & Reported their Arrival: It has since Appeared that the Caesar was Quitted at Sea, She having Sprung a Leak & the Master, Crew, &ca were taken up by Other Vessells. The Temple is put into Rhode Island; so that the Vessells Still Missing, are the Following, Vizt

Laurence.

Two Friends.

Marlborough — Said to be put into South Carolina; but by Letter from thence of 17th Novr she was not Arrived.

Lydia
York & Halifax — Supposed to be put into Providence.

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Disposition of the Recruiting Parties, Arrived from the Havannah

Regiments, or Corps.	Where Ordered to Recruit.—
60th . . 3d Battalion	South Carolina.
72d Regt.	Virginia . . . Likewise a party of the 15th Regt.
9th Regimt.	Maryland.
56th Do.	
15th Regimt.	Pensylvania.
34th Regimt.	
48th Regt.	
27th Regt.	New Jersey.
35th Regt.	
22d Regt.	Connecticutt.
43d Regt.	
46th Regt.	
43th Regt.	Rhode Island.
28th Regimt.	Massachusetts Bay.
40th Regimt.	

N.B. The Privates & Corporals of the New York Independent Companys, & of Gorham's Rangers, having been Drafted into Other Corps at the Havannah, the Officers & Serjeants were Sent to the Continent in Order to Recruit; Major Gorham, with his Officers, &ca, are Arrived; and have got Beating Orders to Recruit in the Provinces of Newhampshire & Massachusetts Bay; Captain Coventry of the New York Indepts. with his Officers, &ca, are likewise Arrived, & will Recruit in the Province of New York: The Officers & Serjeants of the Other Three Companies, being in the Missing Transports, are not yet Arrived at New York.—

Endorsed Disposition of the / Recruiting Parties, / Arrived from the Havannah. / New York Decr. 1762 / in Sr. J. Amherst's of Decr. 16: 1762 / No. 4.

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Copy.   New York, 8th Decem.r 1762

Sir,

Recruiting Parties being Arrived here from the Several Regiments at the Havannah, I am Dividing them among the Provinces; New Jersey I have Allotted for the 27th & 35th Regiments and shall Grant Beating Orders accordingly. The Officers Com:-manding these Parties have particular Instructions for Enlisting the Men, in which I must, in a most Earnest manner, Request You will give them your Countenance & Assistance, And that this may not in the least, Slacken the Means Used in Furnishing the Quota of Recruits Demanded by the King, I am to Desire You will be pleased to Continue the Province Bounty, untill the Whole is Completed; And such Men as are Enlisted by that Bounty will be Re:=ceived by the Recruiting Officers on the Same Footing as was Stipulated by my first Proposals.

The Necessity of Using Every Method to get Recruits, is now become more Urgent than Ever, from the great Losses the Several Corps have Sustained by the Unhealthy Climate of the West Indies, & the Hard Services they have been upon. —

I am, with great Regard Sir, / &ca

Jeff: Amherst.

His Excellency Gov.r Hardy / New Jersey

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N.B. Similar Letters Sent to the Rest of the Northern Governments Substituting the Names of the Different Corps ordered to Recruit in Each Province Instead of the Above.

Endorsed Copy/. Circular Letter/ from Sir Jeffery Am=herst/ to the Governors of the/ Northern Colonies in America,/ Requesting their Countenance/ & Assistance to the Recruiting/ Parties Arrived from the/ Havannah, &ca.—/ Dated New York, 8th Decemr. 1762,/in Sr. J: Amherst's of Decr. 16: 1762 / No. 5.

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Copy 1.

New York, 8th Decemr. 1762

Sir,

Recruiting Parties being Arrived here from the Several Regiments at the Havannah, I am Dividing them among the Provinces; Pensylvania, I have Allotted for the 15th. 34th. & 48th. Regiments; and shall Grant Beating Orders accordingly; but as the Recruiting of these Regiments is now become more Necessary than Ever, from the great Losses they have Sustained by the Unhealthy Climate of the West Indies, & the Hard Services they have been upon, I must Request, in a particular manner, that You will be pleased to give the Officers all the Countenance & Assistance in your power, in the Execution of this most Essential Duty; And as no Recruits have been Furnished by your Government, nor any Men Raised, I Flatter Myself the Officers will meet with all the Success that can be Expected.—

Maryland 9th & 56th Regiments.

I am, with great Regard,

Sir, &ca.

The Honble. Govr. Hamilton,

Pensylvania.

N.B. The Like Letter to Govr. Sharpe of Maryland.—

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Copy.

New York, 8th Decemr. 1762

Sir,

Recruiting Parties being Arrived here, from the Several Regiments, at the Havannah, I am Dividing them among the Provinces; And altho' the Colony of Virginia has already Furnished its Quota, agreable to His Majesty's Requisition, I Doubt not but a good many may yet be pickt up in that Government; and there=fore I Grant a Beating Order to Captain Clements of the 72d. Regiment, who will Deliver this to You; And I must, in a particular manner, Request that you will be pleased to give him all the Countenance & Assistance in your power, in the Execution of this most Essential Service; which now becomes more Neces=sary than Ever, from the great Losses the Several Corps have Sustained by the Unhealthy Climate of the West Indies, & the Hard Services they have been upon.

I am, with great Regard,

Sir,

&ca

Jeff. Amherst.

The Honble. Govr. Fauquier,

Virginia.

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Extract from Do. to Do. – Dated 12th Decr. 1762.

"As I Hear Captain Stobo of the 15th Regt.) is coming to Virginia, I send him a Beating Order with the Like Instructions, that were given to Capt. Clements of the 72d Regt. mentioned in Mine of the 8th Instant; And I Need not Repeat my Request to You, to give these Gentlemen all the Assistance in your power for Executing their Orders, &ca, &ca.–

In a Letter to Governor Boone of South Carolina, after Mentioning that Orders were Sent to Captain Faesch of the 3d Battn. Roy.l Amer.s to Beat up for Recruits in that Province, & Requesting the Governors to give him his Countenance & Assistance, the General Adds.

"Altho' Captain Faesch Receives particular Instructions for Enlisting such Volunteers as he Himself may be able to procure; yet he has Orders to Receive any that may be Raised by the Provincial Bounty, on the Same Footing as was Stipulated by my first Proposals; And as You was pleased to tell me, in your Letter of the 2d. October, that there were about Twelve Hundred Pounds Sterling, Left, of the Sum Voted by the Assembly, & that you would Apply the Same, in such a Way as I thought most likely to promote the Service, I Hope by Continuing the Province Bounty, with the Bountys & Rewards promised

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by the King, which Captain Loesch will pay to those that are Enlisted by any of the Persons Employed by You, the Quota Demanded may yet be Compleated"

Endorsed Copy/. Letter from Sir/ Jeffery Amherst to the Govrs. / of Virginia & South Carolina, / Requesting their Countenance / & Assistance to the Recruiting / Parties Arrived from the Havannah / & Sent to their Respective Governmts. / Dated New York, 8th & 12th Decr. 1762 / in Sr. J. Amherst's of Decr. 16: 1762 / No. 7.

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Copy /.

Havana, October 19th. 1762.

Sir,

Brigadier Burton will Deliver to You the Returns of the Troops under his Command, of the Artillery & Ordnance Stores that he Carries with him from this place.—

The Great Mortality in the Troops under my Command, since our Landing upon this Island; The great Number that are still upon the Sick List, and the very few able to Do Duty, in this Large & Populous City, has made it absolutely Neces:=sary & Requisite for the preservation of this Im=portant Place to Detain some of the Troops I Re:=ceived from North America to this time: You will See by Comparing the Enclosed Returns that I have fully Complied with His Majestys Instructions, in the Returning the Same Number of Men that I received from N. America, sent in Consequence of the Earl of Egremont's Letter to You of the 13th of Jan.ry I Wish I had it in my power to Send you a greater Re:=inforcement. I am persuaded that you will Agree with me, in thinking that more cannot be Spared at this time. The great Incompleteness of the Regiments here, makes it Necessary for me to Incorporate the Cor:=porals & Private Men of Major Gorham's Corps, & the

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Four Independent Companies, as I am Convinced that a Soldier's Service, who has gone through the Severe Tryal of a Fit of Sickness in this country is more to be Depended upon than Five Men from a Colder Climate; I make no doubt but Major Gorham's, & the Four Comp^ys. will soon be Compleated again..

I Have sent a Captain & Two Subalterns from Each Regiment here, to Recruit in N. America, under the Command of Major Hamilton, with Instructions for him to Receive his Orders from You. I Proposed to Field Marsh^l. Lord Ligonier, before I Left England, Seeing by the Returns, that the North American Regi-ments Destined for this Expedition were very Incompleat, to Incorporate the Soldiers whenever the Service was over, & Send the Officers to England to Recruit their Corps. His Lordship Objected to my Proposal, Saying: "Sir "Jeffery Amherst can Compleat them in N. America; "He can Raise as many Men there as he pleases;" Which has Induced me to Send so many Officers to you, upon the Recruiting Service. I am in great hopes, that, with the Men they will be able to Raise, the Recovered Men in America of the Different Corps here, the Men of Armiger's that are at Boston, that this Army will be so Augmented to Enable me to Send you a Brigade from hence, Consisting of the Royals, Amherst's Townshend's, & Webb's, who shall be immediately Ordered

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to hold themselves in Readiness to Embark for North America.

I Wish that I may have it in my power to furnish you with more Troops for the Service that was Intended this Year, or for any Other that is to be Undertaken. St. Augustine & Pensacola, by all Accounts must be Starved, if not Supported from this Island, or from your part of the World; I should Imagine that a Conquest might Easily be made of the Former (St. Augustine) if thought Adviseable, or of any Utility to the great Undertaking of the Louisianne. The Latter (Pensacola) One of the Places particularly mentioned in my Instructions, is hardly Worth making any Equipment for. It is probable, if the War Con=tinues, that St. Jago may be thought of; It is such a Thorn in the Side of the Jamaica People that they will Wish to have it Removed. We are now better Acquainted with this Climate than We was when the present Expedition was Undertaken, and it is Certain that the only Season in the Year for Troops to Act in, is from the Beginning of November to the Latter End of March.—

Lieut. Genl. Elliott, & Major General La fausille are upon their Departure to England, with Sir George Pocock's Fleet, that is to Sail about the 23d. I shall Remain here Myself 'till I hear from England, in

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which time I hope to See this Governmt. better Settled than it is at present. When I Leave this Island, the Command here will Devolve to M. G. Keppel, who will have Instructions to Correspond, & Concert Measures with you, for the good of your Respective Commands.—

I Have the Honour to be, with great Respect,

Sir,

&ca.

Albemarle.

His Excellency
Major General Sir Jeffery Amherst }

Endorsed Copy/. Letter from The / Earl of Albemarle to / Sir Jeffery Amherst. / Dated Havana, 19th. Octor. 1762. / in Sr. J. Amherst's of Decr. 16: 1762 / No. 8

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Copy

Abstract of all the Guns, Mortars & Howitzers, Ship'd at the Havannah for New York 30th Septr 1762

Brass Ordnance mounted on Travelling Carriages with Limbers &ca. compleat	heavy	24 Pound.rs	16
		12	12
	Light	12 Prs	4
		6	8
Brass Mortars on their Beds Comp.t		13 inch	2
		10	3
		8	6
		5½	8
		4 2/5	12
Brass Howitzers mounted on Travell.g Carriages compleat		8 inch	4
		5½	6

James Furnis.

Endorsed Copy / 30th Septr 1762 / Abstract of Guns, Mortars, and Howitzers Shiped at / the Havannah for New York, in Sr. J. Amherst's of Decr. 16: 1762 / No. 9.

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Havannah, 30th Sept. 1762

Laden on Board the Caesar Ordnance Transport, John Martin Master the Undermentioned Brass Ordnance, Mortars, Howitzers, with Stores &ca to be by him Transported to New York, (the Danger of the Seas Excepted) and there Delivered into the Charge and Custody of Mr. Francis Stephens Ordnance Store keeper, by Command of the Earl of Albemarle, and Order of Lieut: Col: Cleaveland dated 29th Augt 1762

Ordnance Brass mounted on Travell g: Carriages with Limbers Compt.	24 Prs.	4
	12 heavy	5
Mortars Brass on their Beds	13 Inch	1
	10	2
	8	1
	4 2/5	3
Howitzers Brass mounted on Travell g. Carriages with Limbers Compt.	8 Inch	1

With Stores &ca.

Endorsed Copy / 30th Sept 1762 / Bill of Lading of the / Ordnance, Mortars, Howitzers, / Stores &ca Shiped on Board / the Caesar John Martin Mastr. / in Sr. J. Amherst's of Decr. 16: 1762 / No. 10.

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New York 24th January 1763.

My Lord

The 21st instant I was honored with your Lordship's Letters of the 24th and 27th November by the Pitt Packet, and a separate one of the last date, as also a duplicate of your Letter of the 9th October, with Copies of your Letters of the 27th November to the Governor of North Carolina and to the Deputy Governour of Pensylvania, and of one from your Lordship to Lieut: Colonel Amherst.

On the receipt of your Lordship's Dispatches, I instantly wrote to the Officers comanding at the several Posts on this Continent, to acquaint them of the Cessation of Arms, and His Majesty's Proclamation thereon, which was published in this Town on the 24th instant.

From the information your Lordship has given me, by the King's having been graciously pleased to permit a Copy of the Preliminary Articles to be sent to me, I have judged it necessary to order a small preparation of Boats, to be made at the Detroit and at Pittsburg, to take by those Communications such Troops as can be spared when ordered, to take possession of the upper Posts on the Missisippi: the Remains of the Brigade that came from the Havana are quartered on Long Island and

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are at hand for executing any Orders I may receive.

I immediately forwarded your Lordship's Letters to the Governour of North Carolina and to the Deputy Governour of Pensylvania, as I judge it is highly necessary that His Majesty's Disapprobation of the Conduct of those two assemblys, should be made known to them, that their undutifull behaviour may not pass unnoticed, and to shew, that a just distinction is made between them and the other Provinces who have paid a due Obedience to His Majesty's commands, which it is to be hoped, will on future occasions, bring the Delinquents to a proper sense of their duty.

Your Lordship's Letter of the 9th October (of which I have above acknowledged the receipt of the duplicate) I answered on the 16th December, by the Halifax Packet, and Your Letter to my Brother I have delivered, who will have the honour to make his acknowledgements to your Lordship for it.

I shall in obedience to His Majesty's Commands appoint Captain Wood of the 98th to the first Company that may become vacant in an old Corps: at the time I received your Lordship's Letter, there was a Vacancy in the 78th by the death of Captain McDonell who dyed of his Wounds at Newfoundland, whose loss I cannot but mention with the greatest regret, and I took this

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Occasion to appoint Captain Wood to that Company, until an opportunity offers that I can remove him into an Older Corps.

Three of the five Transports that were missing when I wrote last, are come in here, one has foundered at Sea, and the Officers and Men got on board another Vessel and are arrived in Virginia: the fifth I have not yet had any account of.

On the 22^d December I sent seven Empty Transports to England, which I hope will have arrived safe, as I was obliged to send them without Convoy.

The beginning of this month a Vessel sailed with Recruits for the Havana, and I was preparing to send another, but on the Receipt of your Lordships dispatches, I thought it unnecessary to send any more men there, and I have also put a Stop to enlisting men to serve during the War, or for a term of Years, and to the Provinces furnishing any more Recruits.

The Intrepid Man of War is here and has been in great danger of being lost by the Ice.

On the Appearance of an approaching Peace, I think it proper to mention to Your Lordship, that I have reason to expect there will be allmost an uni-

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-versal desire amonghst the officers and Soldiers here, to have Grants of Land to settle on this Continent, who I hope will appear not undeserving of it, for the general Good of this Country.

I dispatch the Duke of Cumberland Packet with this.

I have the honour to be with the utmost Re-spect

My Lord

Your Lordship's

most Humble

and most Obedient Servant

Right Honourable
Earl of Egremont

Jeff: Amherst.

Endorsed. New York. Jany 27th 1763 | Sir Jeff. Amherst | R^d Feby 28th

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Schedule of Papers Referred to in Major General Sir Jeffery Amherst's Letter to The Right Hon.ble The Earl of Egremont, Dated New York, 27th January 1763.—

No. 1 Extract/. Letter from Lt. Governor Fauquier to Sir Jeffery Amherst; Acquaints the General of the Virginia Regiment being Broke; and with the Reasons why the Assembly could not be prevailed upon to keep it up any Longer .... 15th Decr. 1762.

No. 2 Do. .... Sir Jeffery's Answer; Disapproves very much of the Measure the Assembly of Virginia had so Rashly Entered into, for Disbanding the Regiment, untill the King's Pleasure was Known in regard to what further Operations might be Judged Necessary to be Carried on from this Continent, &ca. .... 15th Janry. 1763.

No. 3. Copy/. Letter from Sir Wm. Johnson to Sir Jeffery Amherst; Enclosing a Copy of what Passed at a Conference with the Indians at Onondaga, relative to a Murder Committed by two Kanestio Indians, on Two of His Majesty's Subjects, near one of the Seneca's Castles.. 18th Decr. 1762.

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Nº 4 Dº ... Minutes of the above Proceedings, En=
=closed in ye foregoing.

Nº 5 Dº ... Sir Jeffery's Answer; Hopes the In=
=dians, will be as good as their Pro=
=mise, by Delivering up the Murderers
as that Alone can Convince Us of their
Sincerity, &ca. .... 26th Decr.

Nº 6 ...... State of the Transports from
the Havannah, that were Missing
when the Last List was Sent Home,
the 16th Decr 1762 .... 27th Janry 1763.

Endorsed. Schedule of Papers| Referred to in Major-General| Sir Jeffery Amherst's Letter| to The Right Honble The Earl| of Egremont - Dated| New York. 27th Janry 1763.

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Extract/

Wmsburgh Decr. 15th 1762.

"I am Sorry to Inform you that our Regiment is gone, owing to the Difficulties of Providing for it, on Account of the Clamor about Paper money, which the Burgesses Signified to me in an Address as the Reason of their being obliged to Drop it. This I have sent home, & I hope will plead their Excuse. I some time since Advised your Excellency that this would be the Rock on which We should Split, and So it has proved: I Hope the present promising Face of Affairs will not make it of much Consequence to your Plans, or His Majesty's Service. I Did all in my power to Preserve it, as a prudent Measure, 'till His Majesty's Pleasure was known or a Peace Confirmed, but I Could not Succeed: I Was told they could not pay them without a New Emission of Paper, which they could not Undertake in their present Circumstances." Fran: Fauquier

His Excellency
Sir Jeffery Amherst

Endorsed. Extract/ Letter from Lt.| Governor Fauquier to Sir| Jeffery Amherst. Dated| Wmsburgh, 15th Decemr. 1762| Acquaints the General of the| Virginia Regiment being Broke,| and with the Reasons why the| Assembly could not be prevailed| upon to keep it up any Longer.| in Sr. J. Amherst's of Jany 27: 1763| No. 1.

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Extract of

New York, 15th Jan.y 1763.

"I am very Sorry the Assembly could not be Prevailed upon to keep up the Regiment, untill the King's pleasure was known in regard to what future Operations may be Judged Necessary to be Carried on, from this Continent, as I had Requested in my Former Letters; For altho' the Virginia Troops were not Called on Service the last Summer, I am persuaded I need not Inform you, that without some such Force being in Readiness, I could not, with any Degree of Safety, have Detached so many Troops from this Continent, on Other Essential Services; the Virginia Regiment being the only Corps of Men, from Halifax to Georgia, that I could have Employed, had any Emergency happened: If any Persons have been misled, from the Notion of the Regiment's not being on Actual Service, to Suppose, that it was therefore unnecessary to keep it up any Longer, I am Sure the Fallacy of Such Reasoning will be very Evident to those who will View the Matter in its proper Light in which I have no doubt you have always Considered it; but I am affraid some of the Gentlemen of the Assembly have not Seen it in that View, or they would not have given their Consent to Disband the Regiment untill the Kings

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pleasure was known.—

"I am in daily Expectation of the Arrival of a Packet, which very probably may bring His Majesty's Commands relative to the Assistance that may be Required from the Several Colonies should the War Continue; and therefore I shall not Enter farther upon the Subject, at present."—

Jeff: Amherst.

The Hon.ble
Lt. Gov.r Fauquier.

Endorsed. Extract | Letter from Sir | Jeffery Amherst to Lt Governor | Fauquier Dated | New York, 15th Jan.ry 1763 | In Answer to the Lt Gov.rs of the | 15th Decem.r | Disapproves very much of the | Measure the Assembly of Virginia had so rashly Entered into, for | Disbanding the Regiment, untill | the King's Pleasure was Known | in regard to what Future | Operations might be Judged | Necessary to be Carried on from | this Continent, &ca | in Sr. J. Amherst's of Jan.y 27: 1763 | No. 2

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Johnson Hall, 18th Decem.r 1762.

Sir.

I Have the Honour to Transmit Your Excellen-cy Minutes of the Proceedings of Lieut. Johnson, with the Indians at Onondaga, from when he Arrived here on the 13th Instant.

as the Senecas did not Attend, he, agreable to my Orders; Delivered what he was to Say to the Chiefs of Three of the Six Nations, who not only Expressed much Concern at the Murder, but promised that in case the Senecas did not Deliver up the Murderers, they would go in Quest of them themselves, as will appear by the Minutes; and from the Warmth with which the Rest of the Nations Express themselves as well in Public, as in private Conversation, they Appear Determined to Do Us Justice.-

On the Return of the Mohawk Deputy, whom I now daily Expect from the Senecas Country, I shall be able to Acquaint Your Excellency what farther is done therein; And I am Confident, from the Behaviour of the Rest of the Nations, that they will do Every thing in their power for the Appre-hending the Criminals, tho' they Expect, and I am Likewise of Opinion they may meet with some opposition therein from many of the Senecas, who

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still Retain the Advice and Councils of the French Emiss=aries formerly Resideing amongst them, and do not yet appear Heartily Disposed towards Us.—

Some time ago I received a Letter from Lt. Governor Fauquier of Virginia, with an Answer Sent to a Message of the Six Nations, Desiring a Passage thro' that Country against the Southern Indians, in which Answer he Acquaints them of the Peace made between the English & Cherokees, and therefore Advised them to Pass thro' the Back Parts of that Government by Shamokin, & so by the Western Foot of the Allegany Mountains, with all which the Indians were made Acquainted at Onondaga.—

I Have the Honour to be, with the Utmost Esteem,

Sir, | Your Excellency's | &ca,

His Excellency Wm. Johnson.

Sir Jeffery Amherst, &ca.

Endorsed. Copy | Letter from Sir | William Johnson to Sir | Jeffery Amherst. | Dated Johnson Hall, 18th. Decr. 1762 | Enclosing a Copy of what | Passed at a Conference with the | Indians at Onondago, Relative | to a Murder Committed by Two | Kanes=tio Indians on Two of His | Majesty's Subjects near one of the | Seneca's Castles. | in Sr. J. Amherst's of Jany. 27: 1763 | No. 3.

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Copy :

Minutes of the proceedings of Lieut: Guy Johnson Depy. Agent for Indian Affairs, with the Indians at Onondaga December 1762, in Consequence of a Murder Committed by two Indians of Kanestio on two of His Majesty's Subjects who were passing thro' the Seneca's Country.—

Novr. 28th.

Lieut: Johnson Set out from the German Flatts Accompanied by Deputys from the Two Mohawk Castles, and an Interpreter.—

30th.

Arrived at the Upper Oneida Castle, & pursuant to his Instructions Assembled all the Indians who were at Home, and after Acquainting them with the Cause of his Journey told them, that he Expected they would Concurr with him, in Insisting on the Immediate Delivery up of the Murderers, at the Onondaga Meeting, which they promised to do Expressing great Concern at the Murder, with the particulars of which they had not been before Acquainted.—Explained to them His Majesty's Instructions to the Governor of New York concerning their Lands, & Returned them the Belt which they had formerly Delivered Sir William Johnson relative thereto, which gave them great Satisfaction.—

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Decemb.r 1st

Lieut Johnson Arrived at Canowaroghere a New Vil=lage of the Oneida's, and having Acquainted them in like manner as at Oneida, he Received a very Satis=factory answer.

Decemb.r 2d

Arrived at Ganaghsaragey a Tuscarora Village where he likewise Repeated to Sequaresere the Chief Sachem what he had said at the Other Villages on which Sequaresere Acquainted him that he would prepare to Attend the Onondaga Meeting.

4th

Lieut: Johnson Arrived at Onondaga and was re=ceived & Wellcomed by the Bunt Chief Sachem of that Nation who having Assembled all the principal Sachems &ca. who were at Home, the Speaker then Addressed Lieut. Johnson and the Mohock's returning thanks to the Great Being for their Safe Arrival at so Bad a Season of the Year. Then went thro' the Usual Ceremonies of plucking the Thorns out of their Feet, & Clearing their sight by wiping away the Tears which must have been Shed on the Late Melan=choly Occasion, which he Declared gave their Nation the utmost Concern, and that they Saw with re=gret that Notwithstanding they had been Continu=ally Endeavouring to preserve Peace, and adhere to

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their Treaties, there were still Some people Bad Enough to break thro' their Solemn Engagements and Defeat their good Intentions - Gave Three Strings.

Then Canadagaya Sachem of the Mohocks re=turned the Ceremony by Clearing their Sight, which he Said must be Overcast likewise on Such an Occasion, Observing with the Utmost Concern of what Little Importance the Several Engagements were Considered by some, since they were so Re=peatedly Infringed as to Create many Fruitless Journeys for the Old People - Three Strings.

Then the Speaker Acquainted them that the Cayagas had Sent Word they were in Readiness to Attend the Meeting on the Arrival of the Sene=cas whom they would Accompany to Onondaga.

5th.

Sequaresere and Several other Sachems of Tuscarora Arrived - Lieut: Johnson gave the On=ondagas Notice that as the Arrival of the Sene=cas appeared to be Uncertain, he Should agrea=ble to his Instructions, Deliver them what he had to Say tomorrow.

At a Meeting held at Onondaga Decr. 6th with the Indians there Assembled -

Present.

Lieut: Guy Johnson Depy. Agent for Indian Affairs

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Myndt. Wemp residing as a Smith at Onondaga
Wm Printup Interpreter
The Bunt, & several other Sachems of Onondaga
Canadagaya & other Sachems of the Mohocks,
Seguaresere & other Sachems of the Tuscaroras.
Teyawarunte, Speaker of Onondaga returned Lieut. Johnson the two Strings of Wampum sent thither by Sir Wm Johnson, saying that on Receipt of them they Immediately Returned from Hunting to Hold the Meeting.

Then Lieut. Johnson Addressed them—

"Brethren of the Nations here Assembled.

In pursuance of Sir Wm Johnson's Instructions to me as Deputy Agent for Indian Affairs, I came to Attend the Meeting, which he received Advice was to have been Immediately held here in Consequence of the late Murder Committed by two Indians of Kanestio on two of His Majesty's Subjects with the particulars of which you are now all Acquainted. As this Barbarous Act of Hostility has been perpetrated upwards of a Month, I Expected on my Arrival to have found the Senecas Assembled, especially as they Received Notice of my Journey some time ago; but I am sorry to find that Notwithstanding their Residence is so much nearer to your Council fire than mine, I have now been three

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days here without hearing any thing of their Ap=
=proach, I shall therefore Deliver you what I have to
Say on this Occasion, which I Desire you will lay be=
=fore the other Nations, as Neither my Instructions,
nor the Season of the Year will admit of my
tarrying any longer–

Brethren

I am hopefull that all of you present
and all those who are Desirous to preserve Peace,
& keep good terms with the English, must be great=
=ly Concerned at the late public breach thereof,
and will take every possible measure for procur=
=ing us the Just Satisfaction which we Require:
I therefore, agreable to my Orders, Insist on the
Two Murderers being Immediately brought down
the Country, and Delivered up to justice, that
the Law may take its Course against them,
and thereby Deterr others from being Guilty of
such Crimes as Claim our highest Resentment,
Crimes which have been often Committed without
our obtaining any Satisfaction, & which we Can
no longer pass over, or look upon with Indifference.

If any of the greatest Powers in Europe had
offered us such Treatment, and did not, on our
Application for Redress, Immediately Deliver up
the Criminals, we should without farther Delay

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take Satisfaction ourselves, nor Could we be Consid=ered as Infringers of the Peace, for Revenging an Injury when we Could not obtain the Just Redress.

I know that on the Arrival of the Rest of the Nations, they will probably talk of the Old Agree=ment, and that such Affairs should be made up Without farther Bloodshed; but, Imagine to your=selves how very Triffling that must appear, and how Idle it is, to Suppose that any Sett of Peo=ple whatsoever should have it in their power to Murder their Friends at Discretion without meet=ing with the punishment due to Such Crimes: In vain are all Treaties in Vain all the promises you have so Repeatedly made, of pre=serving Peace, whilst every Villain is Left at Liberty to Infringe the Same every Day with Impunity.–

Yourselves would too soon feel the Fatal Effects of Such a Toleration, as too many of our people might be thereby Induced to Return Such Treatment on the Indians when they Found there was no punishment for the heinous Crime of Murder so Distructive to peace and Civil Society.

I know likewise that the other Nations may be Apt to say that the Murderers are Fled, or that they Cannot find them; but don't Suffer your=

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-selves to be Deceived by such Flagrant Excuses, for the English will not be Amused or put off with such Storys, and they know that these Murderers can be Immediately apprehended if the Six Nations are Dispos-ed to Seek for them, and give them up.

You have now therefore a very good Opportunity to Shew your Inclination for Peace, and your Resolu-tion to Adhere to the Treaties so Repeatedly Ratified and Confirmed, and particularly last Winter before Sir Wm Johnson. I therefore Desire you will not Omit Ac-quainting the Rest of the Nations with what I have Said upon this Occasion, & Remember that 'tis Expected & Insisted on, that all those who are willing to pre-serve peace, & the Friendship of the English will Exert themselves to the Utmost, in procuring the Murderers to be Immediately Delivered up, as the only means to prevent us from being Reduced to the Necessity of taking Satisfaction Ourselves.—

Gave a Belt of 8 Rows

Brethren

In Consequence of the Message which you Sent last Summer from Lancaster to the Governor of Virginia concerning a passage thro' his Country against the Southern Indians, he has transmitted an Answer in Writing, together with a Belt of Wampum, which I now lay before you.

[Here explained Lt Govr Fauquier's Answer] & Gave a Belt

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Brethren a

The Kings of France & Spain having Suffered so Severely by the War, from the great Successes with which the Almighty has Crowned the Just Cause and Superior Valour of the English, are at length Reduc=ed to Sollicit for a Peace, which it is Imagined his Britannick Majesty from his natural Clemency will be Induced to Grant them, in which the Security & Advantage of His Majesty's Dominions in North America and the Safety, wellfare and protection of all his faithfull Indian Allies will be Strictly at=tended to; & you may Rest Assured that all those Nations of Indians who Shall by their Conduct manifest their Regard for Peace, and their Esteem for His Majesty's Subjects, may Rely with the Ut=most Confidence on his favor and protection in all their Rights & possessions agreable to his Royal Declaration".-

Teyawarunte Answered

Brother.-

We have all paid great Attention to what you have now Said with which we are very well pleased, & heartily agree to do every thing on our parts at the Arrival of the Rest of the Indians

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a. N.B. this was said to them in Consequence of a Report which prevailed that a peace was near at hand by which Canada would be Restored to the French.

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towards obtaining your Desire; but as the same is a Weighty Affair, & will together with that concerning the Governor of Virginia, Require Some Deliberation we therefore Request, you will Remain here tomorrow untill we have prepared a proper Answer to your Speech—

To which Lieut. Johnson Answered—

Brethren—

Notwithstanding the lateness of the Season and the great Difficulty there will be in Travelling with Horses thro' the Deep Snow, I Shall nevertheless at your Request, tarry One Day longer, when I hope to Receive a full and Satisfactory answer to what I have Said—

Then the meeting broke up for that Day

7th.

P. M. The Indians Assembled

Present as before

Teyawarunte addressed Lieut: Johnson as follows

Brother

We have all heard & carefully attended to your Speech, and must Confess the Case is very hard both on your parts and Ours, as it Cannot but give us the greatest Uneasiness to think that a Village like Kanestio Composed of Stragglers from Several Nations, Should have presumed to Act a part so Contrary to the Sentiments & Inclinations of the

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Confederacy.— for our parts we assure you that we are Determined to do Every thing in our power for procuring you the Satisfaction so Justly Required; but we are very Desirous first to See the Upper Nations, to Acquaint them with your Speech, and be Informed what they have done in the Affair, and we hope that their present Delay is Owing to their being in Quest of the Murderers.— Therefore we beg you will Rest Satisfied untill the Arrival of the Upper Nations, and in Case the Senecas do not Immediately Comply with your Demand, you may Rest Assured We Shall without farther Delay go in Search of the Murderers, being Unanimously Resolved to pursue them to the Utmost Distant parts Rather than fail of Convincing you how much we Disapprove of their Barbarity—

Brother

We are Strangers to the Message which you mention to have been Sent to the Lt. Governor of Virginia, & Conjecture it must have been done by a few of our Warriors who Attended the Treaty at Lancaster, at present Hunting; so that we Cannot know the particulars of what they Sent, however we Return the Lt. Governor of Virginia many thanks for his kind and Friendly Answer and beg leave to Assure him of our Regard for him & the People of his Province—

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Brother. It gives us much Satisfaction to hear that an End is likely to be put to War, and that our Brethren the English are likely to make So Good a Peace; we Return our Sincere Thanks to the Great King for the Regard which he Shews for our Welfare and the Security of Our possessions, and we Shall at all times be Glad to Convince him that we have nothing more at Heart than the preservation of Peace & Friendship with all his people in America

Lieut: Johnson Answered them_

Brethren

I am Glad to find you Express so much Concern on Account of the late Murder...As it will be your Interest to Adhere to your present Resolutions, which Only Can Convince the English of your Desire to preserve their Friendship, I must Insist you will without farther Delay take Such Measures for procuring the Murderers as may Manefest your Strict Attention to your Repeated Engagements, and your Inclination to bring any Indians to Justice, who shall presume to Violate Peace & Alliance Subsisting between the English and you, for I must Assure you that nothing less than the Immediate performance of your promise will Atone for so Barbarous an Insult"

Then Lieut: Johnson took his leave of them

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8th.

Early in the Morning a Seneca Indian who had been at Onondago was Dispatched with a Large Belt of Wampum to his Nation, Requiring them without farther Delay, to Apprehend and Deliver up the Murderers, as Nothing Else would Satisfy the other Nations. The Seneca Indian was Accompanied by David a Conajoharee Indian, who was sent in the name of the Mohocks to know the Seneca's final Resolutions.

Shortly after, Lieut. Johnson left Onondaga, in order to Return back, and Arrived at Johnson Hall on the 13th.

Endorsed. Copy/ Minutes of / the Proceedings of Lieut. / Guy Johnson, Deputy Agent / for Indian Affairs, with the / Indians at Onondaga Decr. 1762; in / Consequence of a Murder Committed / by two Kanestio Indians, on two / of His Majesty's Subjects near one / of the Senecas Castles / Enclosed in Sir Wm. Johnson's Letter to / Sir Jeffery Amherst of the 18th. Decr. 1762 / in S. J. Amherst's of Jany. 27: 1763 / No. 4.

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New York, 26th Decem.r 1762.

Sir,

I am to Own your Letter of the 18th Instant, Enclosing the Minutes of Lieut: Johnson's Proceedings with the Indians at Onondaga, which I have perused, and Entirely Approve of Every thing he has said on that Occasion: The promises of the Indians that were present, are Fair, and I hope they are Sincere; Altho' I must Confess there appears to be some Chicanery in their Speaking of Kanestie as a Village, Composed of Stragglers, from Several Nations, that thereby they may throw the Blame off of any particular Tribe: However I Flatter Myself that what Lieut: Johnson has said, & the Message you have Sent to the Senecas, will have due Weight with them, and that they will, for once, make good their promises, by Delivering up the Murderers, which alone can Convince Us of their Sincerity; and of their Inclination to pre. the Friendship which We have so strictly Observed on our Side, but which they have so Repeatedly Broke through.

I am, with great Regard,

Sir, &ca

Jeff. Amherst.

Sir William Johnson, Bar.t

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State of the Transports from the Havannah, that were Missing when the Last List was Sent Home, the 16th Decemr 1762. ✕ New York, 27th Jany 1763.

Names of the Transports.	Where Arrived.	Regts or Corps Embarked.	No. of men Embarked at the Havannah Including Officers	Died on the Passage.	Arrived at New York &c.
Lawrence	New York	72d Regimt	19	7	12
Two Friends	Ditto	15th Regimt	15	3	12
Temple	Put into Rhode Island, Since Arrived at New York	Royal Artillery	2		2
Lydia	New York	N. York Indeps	30	* 9	21
York & Halifax	Left at Sea, the People taken up & Landed in Virginia	17th Regiment, 42d Do, 77th Do	15	2	13
Marlborough	Still Missing		81	21	60

* Two Serjeants & Three Privates, at New York in the Lydia; One of the Serjeants gave in the Above Return; as Captain Nugent, with the Rest of the Officers & Men had Sailed from Providence, some time before the Lydia Left that Place, in the York & Halifax, and Letters have been Received from Captain Nugent of the New York Independents, & Captain Ewing of the 77th giving an Account of their being Obliged to Leave the York & Halifax at Sea, she having Sprung a

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Leak, & were taken up by a Vessell which Landed them at Norfolk in Virginia, where they now are.— Among the Dead of the New York Independents are, Lieutenants Macaulay & Rose.—

Endorsed State of the Transports | from the Havannah, that | were missing when the last List | was sent Home, the 16th Decr. 1762, New York, 27 Jany. 1763 | in Sr J. Amherst's of Jany. 27. 1763 | No. 6.

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Whitehall March 9th 1763

My Lord,

We have the honor of transmitting to your Lordship the Memorial of George Washington, Adam Stephen and Andrew Lewis Esqrs. in behalf of themselves, and the rest of the surviving Officers and Soldiers, who, in the year 1753, engaged in His late Majesty's Service for the Defence of the Colony of Virginia against the Encroachments of the French; which Memorial Your Lordship will be pleased to lay before His Majesty for His Royal Directions.

We are
My Lord
Your Lordship's
most obedient and
most humble Servants.
C. Townshend
Soame Jenyns
E. Bacon
John Yorke
Edmond Thomas
Geo: Rice
Orwell.

Earl of Egremont one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

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To the Kings most Excellent Majesty

The Memorial of George Washington, Adam Stephen, and Andrew Lewis Esquires in behalf of themselves and the rest of the surviving Officers and Soldiers who enlisted in the Service of your Majesties late royal Grandfather (of blessed memory) for the Defence and Security of your Majesties Colony and Dominion of Virginia

Most humbly Sheweth

That the French and the Indians in their Interest having in the year one thousand seven hundred and fifty three and for some time before made many Encroachments and hostile Attempts upon the back and unsettled parts of the said Colony and more especially upon the River Ohio, which were openly avowed in that year by the Commandants of the French forces both at Venango and their Fort on Beef River, his late Majesties then Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of Virginia taking into consideration the many Dangers and extreme Difficulties that must attend Forces placed in the midst of Woods and Forests surrounded by Indian Enemies near two hundred miles distant from any Inhabitants except a few scattered plantations scarce able to subsist themselves much less to sup-

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=ply any number of Forces with provisions and other Necessaries and which could be done no other way than by Land carriage, whereas the French who had been some years before stealing into the possession of those parts had erected a chain of Forts all along the River Ohio and the adjacent Lakes several of which had very considerable Garrisons and an easy Com=munication one with the other by Water, by and with the Consent of his said late Majesties Council of the said Colony thought fit to publish the following Proclamation.

Virginia ss. By the Honourable Robert Dinwiddie Esqr. His Majesties Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia.

A Proclamation for Encouraging men to enlist in his Majesties Service for the Defence and Security of this Colony.

Whereas it is determined that a Fort be immediately built on the River Ohio at the fork of Monongahela to oppose any further Encroach=ments or hostile Attempts of the French and the Indians in their Interest and for the security and protection of his Majesties Subjects in this Colony and it is absolutely necessary that a sufficient force

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should be raised to erect and support the same, For an Encouragement to all who shall voluntarily enter into the said Service I do hereby Notify and promise by and with the Advice and Consent of his Majesties Council of this Colony that over and above their pay, Two hundred thousand Acres of his Majesty the King of Great Britains Lands on the East side of the River Ohio within this Dominion (one hundred thousand Acres whereof to be contiguous to the said Fort and the other hundred thousand Acres to be on or near the River Ohio) shall be laid off and granted to such persons who by their voluntary Engagement and good Behaviour in the said Service shall deserve the same. And I further promise that the said Lands shall be divided amongst them immediately after the performance of the said Service in proportion due to their respective merit as shall be represented to me by their Officers and held and enjoyed by them without paying any Rights, and also free from the payment of Quit rents for the term of fifteen years, and I do appoint this proclamation to be read and published at the Court houses Churches and Chapels in each County within this Colony and that the Sherifs take care the same be done accordingly Given

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at the Council Chamber in Williamsburg on the 9th day of February in the 27th Year of his Majesties Reign Annoque Domini 1754

Robert Dinwiddie

God save the King

That your Memorialists were among the very first that engaged in his late Majesties Service and continued therein and in your Majesties Service as long as they were wanted, and until it pleased God to bless the British Arms with such Success as re=stores your Majesties possession in those Lands which the French had so unjustly usurped. That as your Memorialists have had the Honour and Satisfaction to have had their Services approved by the General Assembly of their Countrey and the several Gen=erals under whom they served and are not con=scious that the least Objection can be raised a=gainst their Behaviour they were in hopes that as soon as the possession had been regained they should have reaped and enjoyed the bene=fit promised Them by the said Proclamation. But upon Application to your Majesties present Lieutenant Governor and Council of the said Colony your Memorialists received for Answer that they were restrained by your Majesties late In=structions from making any Grants in those Parts.

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Your Memorialists therefore most humbly pray that your Majestie will be graciously pleas-ed to take their Case into your Consideration and grant your Memorialists such Relief as your Majesty in your great Wisdom and Goodness shall see meet.

Endorsed. Mem.l of George Washington,| Adam Ste-phen, & Andrew| Lewis Esq.rs for Grant of Lands| pursuant to Proclamation| of Lieut. Gov.r Dinwiddie in| 1754| in Lords of Trade's of March 9:| 1763.

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New York 12th Aprill 1763.

My Lord,

On the 27th of February I received Your Lordship's Letter of the 2d December with a Copy of the Preliminary Articles of Peace, printed in french and English, at the same time I received a Dupli=cate of your Letters of the 21st & of the 27th November as also of a separate one of the last date with their several Enclosures; the Originals of these I did my=self the honour of answering to your Lordship on the 27th January by the Duke of Cumberland Packet.

The late arrival of Your Lordships Dispatches was occasioned by the Nautilus Sloop of War not having been able to get into this Port, but put into Virginia from whence I received them.

As there was only one Packet here, and I had nothing material to write, I deferred acknowledging the receipt 'till the arrival of another Packet from Eng=land.

On the 9th instant the Harriott Packet arrived here, by which I received the Duplicate of your Lord=ships Letter of the 2d December, with one of the 27th January.

As Your Lordship is pleased to lay your Com=mands on me to transmit every Idea that might occur to me, for the future Security, Improvement,

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and good Government of this Country I hope it will not appear presumption in me to mention what seems to be the first Consideration, which is, that the Governments of Pensylvania, Maryland, Connecticut and Rhode Island might be put upon the same Footing with the Royal Governments, and though I do not pretend to Judge how far this may be practicable, I mention it, as looking to what would be best, to form the firmest Security in establishing a Regular and uniform System throughout, by putting the several Provinces upon the same Footing, yet to keep them still separate, which must tend to the good of the whole, and Strengthen the Reins of Government.

On reading the Copy of your Lordships Letter to Governor Fitch which you was pleased to transmit to me to forward or not, according as I might think most expedient, from the actual State of that matter, I have judged it right to send it immediately to Governour Fitch, more especially as I just at that time received a Letter from Sir William Johnson regarding the Affair, on which I wrote to Governor Fitch, Copies of which Letters I have the honour to enclose to Your Lordship, and I shall not neglect to use my Endeavours in putting a total Stop to the People

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of that Colony making any Settlements on their pre-tended Purchases.

The Officers of three of the New York Independent Companys who were not arrived here, when I last wrote to your Lordship, got in on the 16th March, and the Marlborough which was the only missing Transport from Havana is got safe into Georgia.

The Brotherly Love and Venus Transports which I sent from hence with recovered men and Recruits to the Havana have both arrived there, the last mentioned was attacked by a Privateer in her passage and had three men wounded but beat off the Privateer and got into the Havana.

I have received an Account from Pittsburg of another Flood having happened there, the Water arose twenty two Inches higher than it did last year, part of the Rampart is fallen into the ditch but the Front reveted [sic] with Bricks, is not hurt: some Traders houses and the Timber I had ordered to be prepared for building batteaus were carryed off, two Inhabitants drowned, the Provision, Ammunition and Stores in the Fort saved.

On the 6th of this month the Venus Transport returned here from the Havana with a small detachment of the Royal Artillery.

A little Accident happened on the 10th December

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at the Sault de St Marie between Lakes Huron and Superior, to the Detachment I ordered there last summer, the Fort took fire which reached the Ammunition & blew off the Top of the House: Lieutenant Jamet of the R: A: Regiment has narrowly escaped with his Life, being much burnt, and was obliged to send his party back to Michillimakinac, as his Provisions were consumed, but was so ill at the time, he could not proceed with them himself

I dispatch the Pitt Packet and as Captain Maxwell of the 15th Regt is going to England, he will have the honor of delivering this Letter to Your Lordship.

I am, with the utmost Respect My Lord

Your Lordships

Most Humble

and most Obedient Servant

Jeffery Amherst.

Right Honorable
Earl of Egremont.

Endorsed. New York. April 12th 1763/ Sir Jeff. Amherst./
R May 10th by Capt. Maxwell.

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Schedule of Papers Referred to in Major General Sir Jeffery Amherst's Letter to The Right Hon.ble The Earl of Egremont, Bearing Date, New York, 12th April 1763.–

No. 1. Copy of Letter from Sir Wm. Johnson to Sir Jeffery Amherst; Acquainting him of the People of Connecticutt Renewing their Claim to the Lands on the Susque-hannah; and Requesting the General to Interpose his Authority to prevent those Adventurers from taking such a Rash Step &ca. .... 30th March 1763.

No. 2 Do. ..... Sir Jeffery's Answer; That he had Just Received a Letter from the Earl of Egremont to Govr. Fitch, Contain-ing His Majesty's Disapprobation of the Steps taking by the Connecti-cutt People to Settle on the Susque-hannah, which he should Forward to Govr. Fitch; and Trusted a Total Stop would be put to that Scheme, untill the King was thoroughly ac-quainted with the Nature of the Whole Affair .... 10th April

No. 3 Do. ..... Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst to Governor Fitch; Enclosing the Earl of Egremont's in regard to the Claims

of the Connecticutt People, & Acquaint-
-ing the Govr of what Sir Wm Johnson
had mentioned concerning the fresh At-
-tempt Threatned by those Adventur-
-ers, which the General Trusts the Govr
will put an Effectual Stop to ..... 10th April

No 4 .... Final Account of the Transports
which Sailed from the Havana, for
New York, in Octo 1762.

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General | Sir Jeffery Amherst's Letter | to The Right Honble
The Earl | of Egremont _ Dated | New York 12th April 1763.

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Copy/.

Johnson Hall 30th March 1763.

Sir,

In my Letter of the 24th September last I made Your Excellency Acquainted with some further Attempts made by the People of Connecticutt, towards a Settlement on the Susquehannah River, & of the Journey of Col: Fitch and Mr Chew to me thereon, which Scheme, I was in some hopes, they would have Dropped; but, to my great Surprize, Col: Dyer & One Mr Woodbridge came to my House a few Days ago with some proposals to the Indians, Desiring my Interposition, and Insisting on the Title to that Country in Right of the Connecticutt Claim Extending to the South Sea, and of the Indian Deed which I formerly mentioned to Your Excellency. after I had Represented that the very Attempt towards such a Settlement must produce a Quarrel between Us and the Indians, whom I was often obliged to Acquaint that the affair was Dropped, in Order to pacify them thereon, I gave them my Opinion on the Fraudulent Method of Obtaining the Deed, & likewise that I was Certain the Six Nations would never Suffer them to Establish themselves on that which was their War-path & best Hunting Ground;

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Notwithstanding which, these Gentlemen Declared, the Susquehannah Company, had been a great While Concerned in the Affair & had Expended much Money thereon, and therefore were Determined to Settle Immediately on the Land, to the Amount of a Thousand Familys & upwards, whom they Judge Sufficient to Defend their Claims against any Opposition: At the Arrival of these Gentlemen, the Mohawks happened to be all present at a Meeting with me, &, after having Enquired into their Errand, Expressed the greatest uneasiness thereat, as they said it must bring on a General Disturbance throughout the Whole Confederacy; they therefore had a Private meeting together at their Castle, the Result of which they Came with, and Delivered to me, Two Days ago, which was to Desire I would transmit their Sentiments, on the Settlement, to the Governor of Connecticutt, together with a Belt of Wampum, which they then Delivered me, Requesting that Governor to put a stop to the proceedings of these Adventurers, untill after they held the Meeting at Chenussio.

I need not observe to Your Excellency, the Dangerous Consequences, which must Inevitably Attend the Settlement of these People, having been formerly Honoured with your Sentiments

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thereon; if they only were to Suffer I think, their Rashness and Defiance of all Publick Authority deserves it; but I am very Apprehensive it will not stop there, but may prove a means of Oversetting all our good Measures, hitherto taken, to Satisfy the Indians in that respect, and prove too General & Fatal to the Neighbouring Frontiers.—

On this Acct. I could not Avoid Requesting your Excellencys Advice, & Interposition. Otherwise these People will, in a very short time, throw Every-thing into Confusion, and Draw upon them-selves and their Neighbours the Resentment of all the Six Nations, and their Allies, beyond, perhaps, a possibility of Reconciliation.—

I have the Honor to be, with the greatest Respect,

Sir &ca,

His Excellency Wm. Johnson

Sir Jeffery Amherst.

Endorsed. Copy of Letter from Sir Wm. Johnson to Sir Jeffery Amherst,| Acquainting him of the People| of Connecticutt Renewing their| Claim to the Lands on the| Susquehannah; & Requesting| the General to Interpose his| Authority to pre-vent these| Adventurers from taking such| a Rash Step, &ca. Dated Johnson hall, 30th. March 1763.| in Sr. Jeff: Amherst's of April 12: 1763.| No. 1.

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Copy 1. New York 16th April 1763.

Sir,

Just before I Received your Letter of the 30th March, I had Opened One from the Earl of Egremont on the Same Subject, Enclosing a Letter to Governor Fitch, wherein he Acquaints him of His Majesty's Disapprobation of the Steps taken by Connecticutt People for Settling on the Lands on the Susquehannah; and Directing the Governor to Exert Every Legal Authority over the People in his Government & Employ his utmost Influence to prevent the Prosecution of any such Settlement, till the State of the Case can be laid before His Majesty: I Shall therefore, In Obedience to the King's Commands, Forward this Letter to Gov.r Fitch, which, I Trust, will at once put a Total Stop to any proceedings of this Nature; Untill His Majesty shall be thoroughly Acquainted with the True State of the pretended Claim to the Lands in Question.—

I am, with great Regard,

Sir,

&ca.

Jeff: Amherst.

Sir W.m Johnson, Bar.t

Endorsed

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New York, 10th April 1763 –

Sir,

By the Harriot Packet Boat, which Arrived here yesterday, I Had the Honour of a Letter from the Earl of Egremont, Enclosing One for you, which I herewith transmit to you, regarding the Settlement which some of the People of your Government, were Endeavoring to make on the Susquehannah: I have already several times Acquainted you of my senti=ments Respecting this Matter, & how highly Neces-sary it was to put a Stop thereto, untill His Majesty's Pleasure was known; and by the Letter I now Enclose to You, from the Secretary of State, you will See that the King Disapproves of the Steps taken by the Connecticutt People and Express-ly Orders them to Desist untill His Majesty is Informed of the true State of the Case. –

I Cannot think it Necessary to Add any thing more on this Subject, after My Lord Egre=mont's Letter, which so fully Points out the Hor=rors and Calamities which this Rash Step might, in all probability, Involve not only the Adven=turers, but their Fellow Subjects; and therefore Shews His Majesty's Humanity and tender Con=cern for his Subjects, in a very Conspicuous

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Right by Interposing his Royal Authority in time to prevent those Calamities; But I Can't help mentioning to you, that by a Letter I had Last Night from Sir Wm Johnson, he Acquaints me that Colo Dyer and One Mr Woodbridge had been at his house very lately, with Some Proposals to the Indians, & Insisting on their Title to the Lands on the Susquehannah in Right of the Connecticutt Claim, And notwithstanding all the Arguments he made Use of to Diswade them from the Attempt, they Assured him that the Susquehannah Company as they called them, were Determined to Settle Immediately on the Land, to the Amount of a Thousand Families and upwards whom they Judged Sufficient to Defend their Claims against any Opposition.—

I Cannot however Allow myself to think but that the King's Orders, which I now Send you, will meet with a Due Obedience; and that His Subjects in Connecticutt, Sensible of the Blessings they Enjoy under the Benign Influence of His Majesty's Reign, will pay the Strictest Regard to such Commands as He is Graciously pleased to Issue, and thereby Approve themselves Worthy of His Protection.—

I am, with great Regard,

Sir, &ca

Honble Govr Fitch— Jeff: Amherst.

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Final Acco.t of the Transports Sailed from the Ha-vana for New York in October 1762.

Since the State which was Transmitted to England, the 27th January 1763, Advice has been Received from Savannah in Georgia, of the Arrival of the Marlborough (the Only Transport unaccounted for before) at that place: and the Detachment of the New York Independents that had Landed at Norfolk in Virginia, Arrived at New York on the 16th March; As are likewise those of the 17th 42d & 77th Regts which are mentioned in the Last State; having Lost no Men since their Arrival on the Continent.

The Venus Transport which Sailed from New York with Recruits, in January last, is Returned from Havana; and has brought in her

1 Captain of the 46 Regt.
1 Lieutenant of the 42d.
1 2d Lieut: of the Royal Artillery
1 Serjeant of the 17th.
1 Ditto of the Roy: Artilly
2 Gunners
19 Mattrosses
1 Drummer
8 Rank & File 42d Regt.
2 Ditto ------ 77th

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Transports Remaining at New York, 12th April 1763.

Vessel's Names	Master's Names	Where taken up
Neptune	Symonds	Europe
Amity's Good Intent	Blanchard	Europe
Venus	Duffle	Europe
Monckton	Sneed	America

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New York 14th May 1763.

My Lord,

The last letter I did myself the honour of writing to your Lordship was of the 26th Aprill by the Harriott Packet, since which the Duke of Cumberland Packet arrived here, and I received on the 4th instant, your Lordship's Letter of 12th March, with a separate one of the 16th, and a duplicate of your Letter of the 27th January, with their Enclosures.

I immediately made known to the Troops Serving in this Country, that the definitive Treaty of Peace was concluded, and in consequence of your Lordship's commands, I dispatched a Vessel to Commodore Spry at Halifax, acquainting him with the Orders, and directing they should be forwarded to the Lieutenant Governour of Placentia, the Officer comanding at St. John's in Newfoundland, and to the Comanding officer at Louisbourg and as I enclose your Lordship Copies of the Letters I have wrote to the several comanding officers, I need say no more on this Subject, but that I hope the Steps I have taken will meet with His Majesty's gracious Approbation.

It gives me great pleasure to be informed by your Lordship, that the mention I took the liberty of making of the desire of the officers and Soldiers here.

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to have grants of Land on this Continent has been graciously received.

I have wrote to the Governours of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and to Mr Stuart Agent of Indian Affairs to the Southern District, and as the King was graciously pleased to permit me to suggest any thing that might appear proper to be added, to what is directed to be said to the Indians, I hope it will not appear presumption in me that I have given my opinion to the Governours and Mr Stuart, that the Demolition of the Forts should be handled with some Caution.

Your Lordship's Letter of the 27th January (the Duplicate of which I have above acknowledged the receipt of) I answered on the 12th Aprill, and as no Answer was arrived from Governour Fitch, I have again wrote to him and transmitted him the Duplicates.

On the 11th instant the Intrepid Man of War got out of this Harbour for England. Agreeably to your Lordship's Commands, I have acquainted the Agent of the Packet boats, that they will be dispatched regularly the second Saterday of every month, and in Consequence thereof the Halifax now sails for England, and Captain Balfour of the Royal will have the

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honour of delivering these dispatches to your Lord=
=ship.

I am with the utmost Respect

My Lord

Your Lordship's

most humble

and most Obedient Servant

Jeffery Amherst.

Right Honorable
The Earl of Egremont.

Endorsed. New York May 14th/ 1763/ Sir Jeff: Amherst/
Rd June 21st.

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Schedule of Papers Referred to, in Major General Sir Jeffery Amherst's Letter to The Right Honble The Earl of Egremont, Bearing Date at New York 14th May 1763.—

No. 1. Copy of Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst to Commodore Spry; Enclosing him a Copy of the Sixth Article of the Treaty of Peace, Relative to the Cession of the Islands of St. Peter & Miquelon to the French Crown; and Recommending to his Care some Dispatches, on the Same Subject, to the Commanding Officers at Placentia, St. John's & Louisbourg .... 4th May 1763.

No. 2. Do. ... Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst to the Lt Governor. Or Commanding Officer, for the time being, at Placentia; Enclosing the Earl of Egremont's, Containing Orders for Admitting the French to Survey & Examine the Islands of St Peter & Miquelon, Ceded to the French Crown, by the Sixth Article of the Treaty of Peace .... 4 May 1763.

No. 3 Do. ... Letter from Ditto .. to Captain Gualy; or Officer Commanding at St John's Newfoundland; Acquainting him of the Cession of the Islands of St Peter & Miquelon to the French Crown by the

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Definitive Treaty of Peace, &ca; And Or-
-dering him to Transmit to the Gen-
-eral a particular Account of What Passed
between him & Governor Graves, Relative
to the Command at St. John's &ca .... 4th May 1763.

No. 4. Extract of Letter from Ditto - to Lt. Colonel Tulleken;
Or officer Commanding at Louisbourg. Re-
-garding the Cession of the Islands of
St. Peter and Miquelon to the French
Crown; and Ordering him not to Ob-
-struct the Persons that might be Sent
by the French, in Surveying & Examin-
-ing the said Islands .... 4th May 1763

No. 5. Copy of Sir Jeffery Amherst's Circular Letter
to the Governors of Virginia, No. Carolina,
& Georgia, and To John Stuart Esqr. Agent
for Indian Affairs in the Southern Dis-
-trict; Acquainting them of the King's
Intentions, that they should Summon
a Meeting with the Southern Indians,
in order to Explain to them the Trea-
-ty of Peace &ca .... 4th May 1763

No. 6 Do. ... Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst to
Governor Fitch; Enclosing him the Du-
-plicate of the Earl of Egremont's Let-
-ter, regarding the attempts of the Con-

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-necticutt People to Settle on the Susquehan-
-nah; And likewise a Duplicate of the Gen-
-erals former Letter, on the same Subject.
the Governor not having Acknowledged
the Receipt of Either of the Originals... 4th May 1763

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Copy/.

New York, 4th May 1763–

Sir,

Early this Morning Arrived here the Duke of Cumberland Packet Boat, with the March Mail from Falmouth, & has likewise brought me a Letter from His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State, Enclosing a Copy of the Definitive Treaty of Peace, & also Trans=mits me a Letter to the Lt Governor or Command=ing Officer at Placentia, Directing him to Admit such Persons as might be Sent by the Most Chris=tian King to Examine and Survey the Islands of St Peter & Miquelon, which are to be Ceded to the French Crown, in Consequence of the 6th Article of the Said Treaty; I have Immediately Hired a Small Vessell, on purpose, to proceed with these Orders to the Lt Governor or Commanding Offi=cer at Placentia; and I have Directed the Master to Call at Halifax and Deliver this to You, that you may be Informed of these particulars; and I should be glad if you think proper, and you can do it without Delay, you would forward the Despatches herewith to Placentia, St John's & Louisbourg, in any of His Majesty's Ships under your Command; the Master is then to Return Immediately to this Place: This however Depends Entirely on you, & if it

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should not be Convenient for you to Send these Dis-
-patches, you will be pleased to Order the Master of this Vessell to proceed with them, without Delay, to the Respective Places as Directed.—

I See there is a Letter for you from the Ad-
-miralty which probably may Contain a Copy of the Definitive Treaty; I However Enclose you a Copy of the 6th Article, which regards the Cession of the Islands of St. Peter & Miquelon.—

I Have not as yet Received any Orders for the New Arrangement in this Country, but, in all prob-
-ability Every thing of that kind will Come by the Next Packet Boat.

I am, with great Regard,

Sir,

Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant

Commodore Spry.— Jeff: Amherst

Endorsed. Copy Letter from Sir Jeffery/ Amherst to Commo-
-dore Spry/ Enclosing him a Copy of the Sixth/ Article of the Treaty of Peace/ Relative to the Cession of the Islands/ of St. Peter & Miquelon to the French/ Crown, and Recommending to his/ Care some Dispatches on the Same/ Subject, to the Command-
-ing officers at/ Placentia, St. John's, & Louisbourg./ Dated New York, 4th May 1763./ in Sr. J: Amherst's of May 14: 1763 / No. 1.

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Copy.

New York, 4th May 1763.

Sir,

The Earl of Egremont, One of His Majesty's Principal Secretarys of State, having Transmitted to me the Enclosed Letter, with Orders to Forward the Same to you, without Delay; I Have Hired a Vessell on purpose, the Master of which is to Call in at Halifax, in Case it should be Convenient for Commodore Spry to Send you these Dispatches in any of the King's Ships under his Command: If not, the Master of this Vessell will Proceed directly to Placentia.–

You will See that Lord Egremont's Letter Contains Directions for your Admitting such Persons as may be Sent by the Most Christian King, to Examine & Survey the Islands of St. Peter and Miquelon, and that they are not to meet with any Obstruction, agreable to the Sixth Article of the Definitive Treaty, which His Lordship likewise Encloses for your Information.–

It is unnecessary for me to add any thing to the Secretary of State's Letter: You will Pay a due & Strict Obedience to His Majesty's Commands; and I have only to Enclose you a Copy of Publick Orders, which I have given

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here, that you may be Pleased to make the same Known to the Troops at Placentia.—

I am,

Sir, &ca.

Jeff: Amherst.

To the Lt. Governor; or Commanding Officer, for the time being, at Placentia, Newfoundland.

Endorsed. Copy/. Letter from Sir/ Jeffery Amherst to the Lt./ Governor; or Commanding Officer/ for the time being, at Placentia;/ Enclosing the Earl of Egremont's,/ Containing Orders for Admitting/ the French to Survey & Examine/ the Islands of St. Peter & Miquelon,/ Ceded to the French Crown, by the/ 6th. Article of the Treaty of Peace./ Dated New York, 4th. May 1763./ in Sr. J: Amherst's of May 14: 1763/ No. 2.

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Copy /.

New York, 4th May 1763.

Sir,

The Packett Boat, which Arrived here Early this Morning, having brought me a Copy of the Definitive Treaty & Orders to the Lt. Governor, or Commanding Officer at Placentia to Admit any such Person as may be sent by the Most Christian King to Examine & Survey the Islands of St. Peter and Miquelon, which are Ceded to the French Crown by the said Treaty, I Now Dispatch those Orders by a small Vessell on purpose, with Directions to the Master to Call in at Halifax, in case it should be Convenient for Commodore Spry to Forward my Letters from thence in a Ship of War: If not, the Master is to proceed Directly to Placentia, St. Johns, & Louisbourg.—

Agreable to Mine of the 6th April, I had a Vessell ready to be Loaded with Provisions for Your Garrison; but by this Packett Boat, I have Received a Letter from Mr. Townsend, the Contractor for Victualling His Majesty's Troops in Nova Scotia, & Newfoundland, Acquainting me that; "Having heard that 200 Men were Left in Garrison at St. John's in Newfoundland, and that they were Victualled from New York up to

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Midsummer next, he had sent there from England. Provisions of all Species, to Serve that Number from 23.^d June to 23.^d December next; and had Wrote to Mr. Gerrish (his Agent at Halifax) to Send thither the next Fall, what further Quantity I should Order him": I Therefore think it quite Unnecessary to Send you any more from Hence; but You will take Care to keep all the Accompts of the Provisions which you had at St. John's, Including what I sent you last, Distinct from those that you Received from the Contractors, as the Latter will be Paid for in England, agreable to Con-tract, & the Receipts that are given; but the Former are already paid for: And You will Send me a particular Accompt of the Whole that Remains, after Paying the Inhabitants in Kind for what had been taken from them, that I may be Enabled to Send the Necessary Directions to Mr. Gerrish for Laying in a Sufficiency for the next Winter, when I Know for Certain what Numbers will be Stationed there, for as yet I have not Received any Determinate Orders, re-garding the Disposition that will take place in this Country: The next Packett, I make no doubt, will bring the Whole.

In a Letter I have Received from the Earl of

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Egremont, His Lordship Acquaints me, that; "Captain "Graves, Governor of Newfoundland, having Complain-"ed that Captain Gealy whom Colonel Amherst "Left in the Command of the Garrison of St. John's, "had Refused to Obey him as Governor of the Is-"land of Newfoundland, by a Commission under "the Great Seal; It was the King's Pleasure, that "I should Call upon You for an Account of what "Passed on that Occasion, &ca:" Altho' You have already, in some Degree, Informed me of the Matter of Dispute between Governor Graves and You, yet as he has made a Formal Complaint, I am to Desire You will Transmit me a particu-lar Account of the Whole that Passed, as I Flatter Myself You did not Dispute his Authority as Governor of the Island, nor could, in any Shape, be Wanting in that Respect which is due to His Majesty's Commission.—

I Enclose you a Copy of Publick Orders, which I have given here, that You may make the Same Known to the Troops in Your Garrison.

I am,

Sir, &ca.

Jeff: Amherst.

Captain Gealy: or officer
Commanding at St. John's, Newfoundland }

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Extract /

New York, 11th May 1763.

"The Earl of Egremont having Signifyed to me His Majesty's Pleasure that the Persons who may be Sent by the Most Christian King, to Examine & Survey the Islands of St. Peter and Miquelon, which are Ceded to the French Crown by the Treaty of Peace, may not meet with any Obstruction in the Execution thereof, & Likewise Transmitted to me Orders to the Lt. Governor, or Commanding Officer at Placentia, for that purpose, I Now Forward the Same to him; and I have only to Desire you will, so far as may Depend on You Pay a Strict Obedience to His Majesty's Commands in this Particular: I Enclose you Two Packetts from the Secretary of State's office, One of which may very probab=ly Contain a Copy of the Definitive Treaty: However I herewith Transmit you a Copy of the Sixth Article, which Relates to the Cession, of the Islands of St. Peter & Miquelon for your Information."

Jeff: Amherst.

Copy.

Lt. Colonel Tulleken; or officer Commanding at Louisbourg.

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Copy 7.

New York 4th May 1763.

Sir

By the Duke of Cumberland Packett Boat, which Arrived here Early this morning, I am Honored with a Letter from The Earl of Egremont, One of His Majesty's Principal Secretarys of State, Enclosing me a Copy of a Circular Letter which he had Wrote to* the Governors of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Mr. Stuart, the Agent for Indian Affairs, in the Southern District, Containing His Majesty's Directions that the Above Governors, in Concert with Mr Stuart, should Immediately Summon a Meeting of the Several Nations in those Parts, and Endeavor to Conciliate their good Will, by a fair & Candid Explanation of the Treaty of Peace, Concluded with the French & Spaniards, and of His Majesty's Just and Equitable Intentions towards all Indian Nations.

* To Mr. Stuart Inc. & & You

In the Secretary of State's Letter, the King's Intentions regarding this Matter, are so fully Stated, that it is quite Unnecessary for me to Add any thing thereto; but I Cannot help Observing that, in my Opinion, the Matter touching the Demolition of the Forts Albama, Tombegbi, & Fort Loudoun, should be Handled with some Caution, as

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I am Persuaded the Indians will always be best Neighbours, when they See that We are in a State to Defend Ourselves, should they be Inclined to mischief: This I however only mention, as my own Opinion, with the greatest Submission to What His Majesty has been graciously Pleased to Intimate by His Secretary of State.

I am, with great Regard,

Sir, &ca.

The Honble

Jeff: Amherst.

Lt. Govr. Fauquier, Virginia.

N.B. The like Letter To the Governors of North Carolina, South Carolina, & Georgia; And To John Stuart Esqr. Agent for Indian Affairs in the Southern District.

Endorsed. Copy/. Circular Letter/ from Sir Jeffery Amherst/ to the Governors of / Virginia,/ Nt. Carolina,/ St. Carolina,/ & Georgia; &/ To John Stuart Esqr. Agent/ for Indian Affairs in the Southern District./ Dated New York, 2d. May 1763/ Acquainting them of the King's/ Intentions that they should/ Summon a Meeting with the / Southern Indians in order to/ Explain to them the Treaty of/ Peace, &ca. / in Sr. J. Amherst's of May 14: 1763/ No. 5.

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Extracts of Letters, &ca, Regarding some Bad Dis=positions of the Indians in the Western Department 1763

No. 1. Major Gladwin, Commanding Officer at the Ditroit to Sir Jeffery Amherst Dated Ditroit 20th April 1763.-

"I Enclose Your Excellency a Letter, and a Belt from the Officer Commanding at Miamis; and I have only to add, that I am pretty well Informed by Other Hands, that the Six Nations, Shawnese, & Delaware Indians, are Ill Disposed, and that they have been Tampering with the Indians this Way, but I Believe without Effect: They say We mean to make Slaves of them, by Tak=ing so many Posts in their Country, and that they had better Attempt Something now, to Recover their Liberty, than Wait till We were better Established; This they Told my Express (a Chief of One of the Nations here) on his Return from Fort Pitt, which I Thought proper to Mention to Your Excellency, in or=der that You may know their Sentiments.

I Have Wrote to Fort Pitt, Sandusky, & Presqu' Isle, to Advice them of the Temper of the Indians.- The Panis who Escaped

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from the Guard last Winter, got off to the Illinois; therefore I Thought it best to Try the Woman, who was Sentenced to be Hanged, for being an Accomplice in the Murder of the Late Mr. Clapham, which I had put in Execution in the most Publick manner * "

* This Murder was Committed last Summer, & was Attended with Several Shocking Circumstances; Mr. Clapham was a Trader Coming from the Detroit, with his two Panis Slaves, Man & a Woman, who, by their own Confession, Murdered him, by Cutting off his Head, & throwing his Body in a River: They were Delivered up by a Party of Indians, whom the Panis Charged as being the Principal Perpetrators of the Murder, but this the Indians Denied: The General however sent a Warrant to Major Gladwin for the Tryal of the Murderers; and by this Letter it Appears that the Man has made his Escape, but that the Woman, being found Guilty has Suffered, according to her Crime.

No. 2 Ensign Holmes Commanding Officer at Miamis to Major Gladwin, Dated Fort Miamis, 30th March 1763; & Enclosed with the Foregoing.

"I Received your Letter of the 25th February, with the Important News of a Peace, which I have, by your Directions, made Known to all my Garrison, & to the Indians about this Post; And since my Last Letter to You, wherein I Acquainted You of the Bloody
[2] Belt being in this Village, I have made/ all the Search I could about it, and have found it out to be True; Whereon I Assembled all the Chiefs of this Nation, & after a long & troublesome Spell with them, I Otained the Belt, with a Speech as You will receive Enclosed: This Affair is very timely Stopt, and I hope the News of a Peace will put a

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Stop to any further Troubles with those Indians, who are the Principal Ones of Setting Mischief on Foot: I Send you the Belt, with this Packett, which I hope you will Forward to the General."

No. 3. Copy of a Speech made by the Chiefs of the Miamis Indians, at the Delivery of a Belt of Wampum, Sent to them from the Shawnese Nation; & Referred to in the Foregoing.—Fort Miamis, 30th March 1763.

"My Brother,

"According to your Desire & Treaties with us, I Have Consulted with our Chief Warriors, in respect to this Belt of Wampum, which You Discovered to be in this Village; & We all think it best to Deliver it to You, so that you may Send it to Your General; tho' We were not to Let this Belt be Known of, till it Arrived at Ouattanon; and then were All to Rise and put the English to Death, all about this Place, and those at the Other Places.—

This Belt We Received from the Shawnese Nation, & they Received it from the Delawares, & they from the Senecas who are very much Enraged against the English: As for the Indian that was the Beginner, We cannot Tell him, but he was One of their Chiefs; and One that is always Doing Mischief; And the Indian that Brought it to this Place,

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was our Chief, who was down at the Grand Council held in Pensylvania last Summer. _ We Desire You to Send this down to Your General, & George Croghan, and Let them find out the Man that was making [3] this Mischief: For|our parts, We will be Still, & Take no more Notice of their Mischief; Neither will We be Concerned in it: If We had ever so much Mind to Kill the English, there is always some Discovery made, before We can Accomplish our Designs.

This is all We have to Say, only You must give our Young Warriors some Paint, some Powder & Ball, & Some Knives, as they are all going to War against our Enemies the Cherokees."

N.4. Sir Jeffery Amherst's Answer to Major Gladwin,

Dated New York, 29th May 1763.

"It is certainly best to be always on our Guard against any Attempt of the Indians; for my own Opinion, is, that they never can Hurt Us, unless We are Weak Enough to Put Ourselves in their Power, and I am Convinced they would Shew Us no Mercy, if they thought they could Escape with Impunity: While they Behave themselves peaceably, they are to be Treated as Friends, having an Eye, at all times, to Our own Security; And if they should be so Rash and Ungratefull as

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to Murder a Few of our People, which they certainly may Do, they may Depend on Meeting with such a Punishment as shall Fall Heavy on the Whole Nation that is Accessary to the Crime.–

"You did very Right to Transmit me the War Belt, & Ensign Holmes's Letter, &ca; I Shall Send the Belt to Sir William Johnson, & Likewise Acquaint him, as well as Mr Croghan, of the Behaviour of the Indians, that they may Take such Steps as they think best for Calling the Nations Below (Who seem to be the Chief Instigators of this Mischief) to an Account for such Treacherous Dealings.

"Altho' I am always Sorry to Consent to the Sending of any Unhappy Wretch out of this World; yet the Execution of the Panis Woman, who was an Accomplice in the Murder of the Late Mr Clapham, has my Approbation, the Crime for which [4] She Suffered being so very Heinous that Nothing Less than her Life could Atone, and Indeed I Sincerely Wish the Chief Perpetrator of that Murder had not Escaped, but that he might have Shared the same Fate, that the Example might have been the Stronger."

No. 5. Sir Jeffery Amherst to Sir Wm Johnson, Dated New York 29th May 1763.

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"By the Albany Post I Had a Letter from Major Gladwin, Enclosing One to him from the Commanding Officer at the Miamis, with a War Belt, which had been Sent thither by the Shawnese, &ca; but Delivered up by the Chiefs of the Miamis Indians, who, at the same time, made a Speech to the Commanding Officer, Acquainting him of the Evil Intentions of the Several Nations, who were Concerned in Forwarding the said Belt.–

"Altho' I can not think the Indians have it in their Power to Execute any thing Serious against Us, While We Continue to be on our Guard; Yet I Judge it Necessary to Send you the Belt, which You will Receive herewith, as also Copies of what Major Gladwin has Transmitted to me, regarding this Affair; and I Desire You will make such Use thereof, as may Appear most proper for Putting a Stop to such Treacherous Behaviour for the Future, and for Shewing the Indians the Contemptible Figure they must make in our Eyes, by Violating the most Solemn Promise of Friendship, without the least Provocation on our Side; I mention the Contemptible Figure, as it certainly is not in their power to Effect anything of Consequence against Us; But if they are so Rash as to make an Attempt, the Mischief they Intend, will certainly Recoil upon

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themselves.

"I Doubt not but Mr. Croghan will be fully Informed, by the Way of Fort Pitt, of this Intelligence. I However shall Acquaint him therewith by this Post; and if you should think it Necessary, you may Send [5] Either Captain Claus, or Lieut: Johnson, with proper Instructions, to Call those Nations, who have been Chiefly Concerned in Sending the Belt, to an Account for such Unwarrantable Proceedings: I Cannot Omit Observing, that in all the Mischief that has lately been Broached among the Indians, the Senecas Seem to have a principal Hand, and it is Matter of Surprize to me, to Find that Other Tribes, who have so often Experienced our Bounty, should be Misguided by them, & so readily Enter into Plots against their Benefactors, and Endeavor to Stirr up the Distant Nations, who are Newly become our Friends, against Us: These Last however (If We can Rely on what the Chiefs of the Miamis have Declared to the Commanding Officer at that Post) Seem to be too Sensible of their own Interest to Enter into Engagements, which, if pursued, would Inevitably End in their own Destruction.—

Major Gladwin Writes me, that before he received my Orders for Trying the Panis Slaves,

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who Murdered Mr. Clapham, the man had made his Escape, and they since hear that he had got to the Illinois: The Woman was however Tryed Immediately, &, being found Guilty, Hanged in the most Publick manner: I am only Sorry the Chief Perpetrator did not meet with the same Punishment, for then the Example would have been Compleat.-"

No. 6. Colonel Bouquet to Sir Jeffery Amherst, Dated Philadelphia 2d. June 1763.

"I Have the Honor to Transmit to your Excellency, Copy of a Letter this moment Received from Fort Pitt.-

"Having no Other Intelligence, I cannot Judge what Number of Indians are Concerned in this Insurrection, nor if the Communication is Infested.-

"Mr. Croghan Left this Town two Days ago, on his way to Pittsburgh."

[6] No. 7. Captain Ecuyer, Commanding officer at Fort Pitt to Colonel Bouquet at Philadelphia, Dated Fort Pitt, 29th May 1763.- Enclosed in the Foregoing.-

"A Great Party of Mingoes came here the Beginning of this Month, & Delivered to Us Ten Bad Horses; They Asked Presents, but I Refused them Every Article, Except Eight Measures of Indian Corn, which they Planted opposite to Croghan's House, where they had Formed a Town.- The Day before

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Yesterday, in the Evening, Mr. Mc. Kee Reported to me, that the Mingoes & Delawares were in Motion, and that they had, in great haste, Sold Three Hundred pounds Worth of Skins, with which they had Brought as much Powder & Lead as they Could – Yesterday I Sent him to their Town for Information, but finding it abandoned, he followed their Tracts, and is Certain they are down the River which makes me Believe they Intend to Intercept our Batteaus, & prevent our Passage: They Stole Three Horses, and Robbed One Coleman of Fifty Pounds, on the Road from Fort Bedford: We are Told that Wolfe & Butler were their Chiefs.– I am at Work, with the Few People I have, to put the Fort in the best Posture of Defence possible.–

"We have Twenty Batteaus in the Water.

"Just as I had finished my Letter Three men came in from Clapham's, with the Melancholy News, that Yesterday, at three o'Clock in the Afternoon, the Indians Murdered Clapham & Every Body in his House: These three men were out at Work, & Escaped through the Woods; I Immediately Armed them, & Sent them to Assist our People at Bushy Run The Indians have Told Byerly (at Bushy Run) to Leave his Place in Four Days, or he & his Family would all be Murdered. I am

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uneasy for the Little Posts.— As for this I will answer for it.

"If You do not often Receive Letters from me, it will be a Proof that the Communication is Interrupted.—"

[7] No. 8. Colonel Bouquet to Sir Jeffery Amherst, Dated Philadelphia, 5th June 1763.

"This morning an Express from Fort Pitt, brought me the Enclosed Account of the Indians Proceedings.— I Have Communicated it to Governor Hamilton, who, at my Request, has Wrote to the Magistrates of Carlisle, to Send Immediately some Men to Reinforce the Garrison of Fort Bedford, & Escort Ten Horse Loads of Powder, which I have Ordered to be Sent from Carlisle, provided a Sufficient Party can be had, to prevent its Falling in the Hands of the Indians.

"The Governor will Do Every thing in his power for the Service, but he Expects no Assistance from his Assembly, if they are Called upon.—

"Captain Ourry has Collected the Inhabitants about Bedford, and if they can Receive powder, that Magazine will not be in any Danger of being Burnt.—"

No. 9. Captain Ecuyer, Commanding Officer at

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Fort Pitt to Colonel Bouquet at Philadelphia. Dated Fort Pitt, 30th May 1763. – Enclosed in the Foregoing.

"Yesterday the Indians Massacred the two men at the Saw Mill, & Took their Scalps, Leaving behind them a Head Breaker, or Tomahawk, which I take to be a Declaration of War: They Carried off the King's Horses at Work there.

"One Daniel Collet, Horse Driver, is just Ar=rived, who makes the following Declaration: That being at Tuscaroras, with Forty Four Loaded Horses, King Beaver had Told Thos. Cohoun to Set off Immediately, with all the White men, which they Did, and he gave them Three Indians to Escort them; but that at Beaver Creek, they were Attacked, and that he Arrived here Alone with great Difficulty: He Believes the Whole Party is Killed, having heard Seven or Eight Death Hollows: He adds, that the Indians, who Brought the Belt to the Delawares, said that Sandusky was cutt off, and the Officer Prisoner; [8] and that when the Indian Messengers Left the Détroit, that Post was Attacked.

I Believe the Affair is General: I Fear for our Detached Posts: – According to my Intelligence We are Surrounded with Indians, and I Expect

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to See them tomorrow; I Neglect Nothing to give them a proper Reception. — I Have Formed two Com=panies of Militia, making about Eighty Men, and Brought our Cattle under the Fort.

Inclosed is a Speech We Sent to the Indians after their first Murder — No Answer yet." —

No. 10. Copy of a Message Sent to the Chiefs of the Delawares, Enclosed in the Foregoing. —

"Brethren,

"We have just Received an Account that Colonel Clapham, with most of his People, have been Murdered Yesterday by Wolfe & Some Others, of your Foolish Young Men, & his House Robbed & Plundered: As We Do not Look upon it, that your Chiefs have been Privy to this very great Breach of the Chain of Friendship, We Do by this String of Wampum, Request you to go Home, and Acquaint Your Chiefs with it, lest any false Reports should be Carried them by the Perpetrators of this Murder; And We Assure them that We shall Rest Satisfyed, till some Method can be fallen upon, to have these People brought to Justice, which We make no Doubt, but they will Assist us in: Till then they may Depend We shall Continue to Preserve the Chain of Friendship with You as Usual." — A String

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No. 11. Sir Jeffery Amherst's Answer to Colonel Bou=quet. Dated New York, 6th June 1763. [9]

"About three o'Clock this Afternoon both your Expresses Arrived here, with your Letters of the 4th & 5th Instant, whereupon I gave Immediate Orders for Compleating the Light Infantry Companys of the 17th, 42d & 77th Regiments: They are to As=semble without Loss of time, & to Encamp on Staaten Island, under Major Campbell of the 42d to Whom I Intend to give the Command; and they shall Proceed directly to Execute such Orders as I shall think Proper to give Major Campbell, according to the Advices I may Receive from You, of the further Proceedings of the Savages.—

"Altho' I have thought proper to Assemble this Force, which I Judge more than sufficient to Quell any Disturbances the Whole Indian Strength could Raise, yet I am Persuaded this Alarm will End in Nothing more than a Rash Attempt of what the Senecas have been Threatning, and which We have Heard of for some time past: As to their Cutting off Defenseless Familys, or Even some of the Small Posts, it is certainly, at all times, in their power to Effect such Enterprizes; particularly While We Ourselves Sup=

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-ply them with Powder & Lead, as appears, from Captain Ecuyer's Letter of the 29th May, to have been the Case with those Villains, who are Suspected to have Committed the Mischief: The Post of Fort Pitt, or any of the Others Commanded by Officers, can certainly never be in Danger from such a Wretch-ed Enemy as the Indians are at this time, if the Garrisons Do their Duty: I am only Sorry that when such Outrages are Committed, the Guilty should Escape; for I am fully Convinced the only true
[10] Method of Treating those Savages, is to Keep them in proper Subjection and Punish, without Exception the Transgressors.—

"I Find Mr Croghan had Set out for Fort Pitt: As that is the proper Place for the Discharge of his Duty, I Could Wish he would Remain there, for I Know of no Service that could Re-quire his Presence at Philadelphia.

"You did very Right to Inform Governor Ham-ilton of this Intelligence, and I have no Doubt of his Zeal, and Readiness to Do Every thing in his Power to Protect the Inhabitants. I Wish the Assembly would as Effectually Send their As-sistance; but as I have no sort of Dependence whatever, on them, I Have taken such Measures as will fully Enable me to Chastize any Nation,

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or Tribe of Indians, that Dare to Commit Hostilities on His Majesty's Subjects: I only Wait to Hear from You, what further Steps the Savages have taken; for I Still think, it cannot be any thing General, but the Rash Attempts of that Turbulent Tribe the Senecas, who Richly Deserve a Severe Chastizement from our Hands, for their Treacherous Behaviour on many Occasions."

Endorsed. Extracts of Letters, &ca.| Regarding some Bad Dispositions | of the Indians in the Western | Department - No. America | 1763 | in Sr. J. Amherst's of June 11th 1763

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New York 24th June 1763.

My Lord

I acquainted your Lordship on the 11th instant of the intelligence I had at that time received, of the bad designs of the Indians, who have since commenced hostilities, and extended their Ravages from Lake Erie along the Commu=nications to Pittsburg: they began at the Detroit with a most treacherous and barbarous mur=der of Sir Robert Davers, Lieutenant Robertson, and the Crew of a barge belonging, to one of the Vessels, (that Lieut: Robertson went with to the Entrance of Lake Huron to sound it) and had designed, at that instant, to have massacred the whole Garrison of the Fort at the Detroit, but Major Gladwin, having luck=ily received information of their Intentions, was prepared for them, and I hope the Gar=rison is safe. Lieutenant Cuyler, with Captain Hopkins's new raised Company, of Independents, was proceeding to the Detroit with the Com=pany and a Supply of Provisions, without knowing of what had happened at that Post, and on landing within 28 miles of the mouth of the River, was attacked by a body of In=dians, and, I believe, was very soon defeated,

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having brought off only forty men out of ninety six, and lost all his provisions: this report being soon spread amongst the Indians, with aggravation of their Success and our losses, may have probably excited the Savages on the Communication to commit depredations there: the Indians have also fallen on three Partys of Traders, whom, of course, they routed, and got a Supply of Powder with their booty.

it is difficult, My Lord, to account any Causes, that can have induced these Barbarians to this perfidious attempt: they have pretended to be very dissatisfied at not getting of Rum, when in every formal meeting that has been held, it has generally been a request of their Chiefs not to permit any: from a declaration of one of their Prisoners it appears, they strike the blow, to revenge the death of two of their Chiefs, that were killed in the Action at Niagara: I think it is most likely to have derived from the belt that was sent to the Miamis, which Sir William Johnson supposes to have come from the French some time ago, and has lain by, and I believe the Savages have really long meditated this Mischief, and have been waiting an opportunity.

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I have taken all the precautions I can to rein=force the Detroit, to secure the Communication to Pittsburg, and to protect the Inhabitants on the Frontiers, by sending immediately the remains of the Royal Highland Regiments, and of the nine Companys of Montgomery's to Pittsburg, and the Remains of Monckton's Regiment to Fort Stanwix &ca, by which I push forward, as fast as possi=ble, every thing that can be spared from the Oswego Communication to Niagara, and I have on this occasion thought necessary to give posi=tive Orders to the Provincials, that have been stationed at the Posts during the Winter, and were to march on the 1st of July, to remain there 'till further Orders: I have also sent thirty Seamen to man the Vessells on the Lakes.

As I enclose to your Lordship every ma=terial information that has passed regarding this strange and most unjust attack, I shall only beg leave to add my Assurances to your Lordship, that I shall pursue the best measures in my power to stop the Evil, and to re=-establish quiet, with as little loss as possible to His Majesty's Subjects: Major General Monckton, setting out for England in consequence of the King's leave, will have the honor of waiting on

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your Lordship, and he is the bearer of this: the General is thoroughly acquainted with what has passed, and he can explain any thing further your Lordship may desire to know. I have the honour to be with the Utmost Respect

My Lord

Your Lordships

Most Humble

and most Obedient Servant

Jeffery Amherst.

Right Honorable

Earl of Egremont.

Endorsed. New York 27 June 1763/ Sir Jeffery Amherst/ Rp July 29/ by General Monckton.

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Schedule of Papers Referred to in Major General Sir Jeffery Amherst's Letter to The Right Hon.ble The Earl of Egremont. Bearing Date at New York, 27th June 1763.

No. 1 Copy of Letter from Colonel Bouquet to Sir Jeffery Amherst; Enclosing some Intelligence from Fort Pitt, regarding the Bad Designs of the Indians in the upper Country &ca .... 10th June 1763

No. 2 Ditto ..... The above Intelligence ....

No. 3 Ditto ..... Sir Jeffery's Answer to Colonel Bouquet; Advises him of his Ordering two Companys of Light Infantry to March Immediately to Philadelphia, to be Employed as Col: Bouquet might Judge best, for the Security of the Communication &ca .... 12th June

No. 4 Extract of .. Letter from Major Wilkins, Commanding Officer at Niagara, to Sir Jeffery Amherst; Enclosing an Account of Lieut: Cuylers having Returned to Niagara, after having been within 30 Miles of the Detroit River, when he was Attacked & Routed by a Party Indians, & of 96 Men he had with

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him, he only Returned with 40.... 5th & 6th June

No. 5.. Copy/.. Lieut Cuyler's Report of the Above Affair.... —

No. 6.. Extract/... Sir Jeffery's Answer to Major Wilkins; That upon Receiving the Intelligence of ye Lieut: Cuylers Defeat, he had thought it Necessary to Send Capt: Dalyell, with Orders to Stop the Provincial Troops, & to Collect such a Body of Regulars as Could be Spared from the Several Posts at Niagara, to be in Readiness to push forwards, in Case of Necessity, to the Relief of the Upper Posts &ca .... 16th June

No. 7.. Copy/. Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst to Major Gladwin, Commanding Officer at the Detroit; Acquaints him of Capt: Dalyell's being Sent with Orders to Collect all the Reinforcements that Could be Spared from the Several Posts, at Niagara, to be Ready to Send forward to the Major's Relief, in Case of Necessity, tho' at that time, the General had no Certain Account of the Detroit being Invested &ca .... 16th June 1763

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No. 8 Copy of Letter from Major Wilkins, Commanding Officer at Niagara, to Sir Jeffery Amherst; acquainting the General of the Arrival of the Schooner from the Détroit, with a Letter from Major Gladwin, advising that that Place was Invested by the Indians, & Desiring a Reinforcement from Niagara ... 15th June

No. 9. Copy of Letter from Major Gladwin, Commanding Officer at the Détroit, to Sir Jeffery Amherst; Containing the particulars of the Savages' having Attacked his Post, & of the Measures he was taking to Defend it &ca ... 14th May

No. 10 Extract. Sir Jeffery's answer to Major Wilkins, of the 15th June: Approves of his having Sent a Reinforcemt. to the Détroit, & hopes it will Reach that place in time to Save the Fort &ca ... 22d June

No. 11. Copy of Sir Jeffery's Answer to Major Gladwin's of the 14th May: Approves of the precautions he had taken to Defeat the Treacherous Designs of the Indians: Hopes he will be able to Defend the place untill Reinforcements Arrive. Laments the Deaths of Lieut: Robertson Sir Robert Davers, & others, who had been

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Massacred by the Savages; but trusts the Major was not Apprized of those Cruelties having been Committed, when the Villains came to the Fort with a Pipe of Peace, or the whole ought to have been Instantly put to Death, &c.a .... 22.d June 1763

No. 12 Copy of Letter from Colonel Bouquet to Sir Jeffery Amherst; Acquaints the General of the Disposition he Intended to make of the two Companys of Light Infantry Ordered to the Communication of Fort Pitt &c.a .... 16.th June

No. 13 Copy of Sir Jeffery's Answer: Acquaints the Colonel of Lieut: Cuyler's Defeat, which had Determined the General to Send Capt: Dalyell to Niagara, with Orders to Collect all the Troops that Could be Spared from the Several Posts, to push forwards, in Case of Necessity, to the Relief of the Détroit &c.a; and hints to the Colonel the Plan he Intended to pursue, should the Savages Continue their Depredations &c.a.. 19.th June

No. 14 Extract of Letter from Colonel Bouquet to Sir Jeffery Amherst; Enclosing a Conversation that had passed between an In-

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-dian Prisoner at Fort Bedford, & Capt: Curry: and that the Colonel Intended to proceed Immediately with the Light Infantry Companys Leaving Orders for the Rest to follow him &cā .... 22.^d June

No. 15 Copy/. of the Conversation between Capt: Curry & an Indian Prisoner, at Fort Bedford, Enclosed in the foregoing –

No. 16 Copy/. Sir Jeffery's Answer to Colonel Bouquet; after acquainting him of the Intelligence he had Received from Major Gladwin, of the Indians having actually Invest-ed the Detroit, the General adds, that this makes no alteration in his form-er Plan, for Collecting all the Force he Could at Presqu' Isle and Niagara, so as to be able not only to Secure and keep Possession of the upper Country, but to punish the Barbarians, who had thus perfidiously Massacred His Majesty's Subjects .... 23.^d June.

No. 17. Copy/. Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst to Sir William Johnson; Acquainting him of the first Mischief Done by the Indians near Fort Pitt, & of the Measures he was taking for being in Readiness

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to Send Some Force for the Protection of the Country &c.ª .... 12th June 1763

No. 18 Copy of Letter from Sir Wm Johnson to Sir Jeffery Amherst: Containing the Substance of what had passed at a Late Meeting he had had with the Six Nations &c.ª who Seemed to be well Disposed .... 16th June

No. 19: Copy of Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst to Sir William Johnson; Acknowledging the Receipt of the foregoing; and Acquainting Sir William of Lieut Cuyler's Defeat, which had Determined the General to Send all the Force he Could Collect to Niagara, &c.ª, Desires Sir Wm will Use his Utmost Influence with the Indians below, to Shew them the Folly and Madness, as well as Ingratitude of such proceedings &c.ª .... 16th June

No. 20: Copy of Letter from Sir Wm Johnson to Sir Jeffery Amherst, Acknowledging the Receipt of Sir Jeffery's of the 16th June; and that Every Measure in his power should be Immediately taken for the protection of the Posts &c.ª on the Communication; and gives a hint that the Setting the Cherokees, Catabaws

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&c., against the Indians, now Engaged in this Mischief, might be attended with good Consequences. .... 19th June

No. 21 Copy of Sir Jeffery's Answer; That Sir Wm. was certainly the best Judge of the Disposition of the Indians; and of the Methods most likely to Succeed in Engaging them to Fall upon One Another; But that, at present, our Chief Attention must be to Regain, as soon as possible, the Entire Command of the Country. – Mentions, with great Concern, the Barbarities the Savages had Committed at the Detroit, which called aloud for the Severest Punishmt. that is in our power to Inflict &c. ... 22d June 1763

No. 22. Copy of Circular Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst to the Govrs. of Montreal, Trois Rivieres, & Quebec; acquainting them of the Bad Designs of the Indians to the Southward & Westward, that they may take the Necessary Precautions for Preventing any of the Tribes in their Respective Governmts. Engaging in this Rash Attempt, &c. .... 12th June

No. 23. Copy. Circular from Do. to the Governors

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of New jersey; New York; Connecticutt; Rhode Island; & Newhampshire; Acquainting them of the Bad Designs of the Indians, which had Obliged the General to Send orders for the Detention of the Provincial Troops, that he might be Enabled to Send Reinforcements of Regulars for the Protection of the Upper Country; and therefore Requesting the Gov^rs to make Application to their Respective Assemblys to make Provision for their Troops, so long as it might be Necessary to Continue them in the Service 17th June

No. 24 Copy of Letter from D^o... to the Gov^rs of Maryland & Virginia; Acquainting them of the Hostilities of the Indians; of the Steps taking for Reducing them; but that he thought it Necessary the Gov^rs of those Colonies should Apply to their Assemblys to Raise some Men for the Immediate Protection of their own Frontiers.... 20th June

No. 25 Copy of Letter from D^o... to Govr Hamilton; Acquaint^g him of the Measures taking for Reducing the Indians, who had

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Commenced Hostilities near Fort Pitt;
And Representing the Necessity of the
Province of Pensylvania Exerting it-
-self upon this Occasion, &ca ------15th June.

No.26 Copy of Govr. Hamilton's Answer to the Forego-
-ing; That the Provincial Commission-
-ers had Empowered him to Apply
what Publick Money Remained of the
Last Supplys, for Raising, without
Delay, a Body of 90 Men, for the Re-
-lief of Fort Augusta, which, he heard,
was Invested by the Indians; and
that he Should if judged Necess-
-ary, Call his Assembly, and Apply
to them for a further Supply, tho'
he had but Little hopes of the Suc-
-ceeding with them &ca ----------16th June 1763

No.27 Copy of Sir Jeffery's Answer; That he should
hope the Assembly of Pensylvania,
would, without hesitation, Readily
Enable the Govr. to Raise men for the
protection of their own People; and
therefore the Sooner he Convened them,
the better, &ca --------------------19th June

No.28 Copy of Letter from Governor Monckton to Sir
Jeffery Amherst; Acknowledging the

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Rec.t of the General's Circular of the 17.th which he had laid before his Council, & that they had advised him to send Orders to the Command.g Officer of the New York Troops to continue in the Service 'till further Orders; not Doubting but the Assembly, at their next Meeting, would provide for the Men &ca. .... 18.th June

No 29. Copy/. Sir Jeffery's Answer; Thanks the Gov.r for the Quick Dispatch he had used in laying his Letter before the Council, &ca. .... 18.th June

No 30. Copy/. Letter from Gov.r Franklin to Sir Jeffery Amherst, Acknowledging the Rec.t of the General's Circular of the 17.th _ That Provision was already made for the New Jersey Troops till Nov.r next; and that, on proper Notice, should a longer time be found Necessary, the Governor would Summons his Assembly for that Purpose, &ca. .... 18.th June 1763

No. 31 Copy/. Sir Jeffery's Answer; That it gave him great Pleasure to find the Province of New Jersey had so judiciously Provided for the men, till Nov.r next,

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And thanks the Governor for his Readi-
-ness on this Occasion, &c.a .... 19.th June

No. 32 Copy/. Letter from Gov.r Fitch to Sir Jeffery
Amherst; acknowledging the General's
Circular of the 17.th and that he I-
-magined there would Arise no Diffi-
-culty in Regard to Continuing the
Troops of that Colony, as the Gov-
-ernment had always made it a
Rule to Pay them for whatever
time they might be Necessarily De-
-tained beyond that for which they
were Engaged. The Governor, in this
Letter, Acquaints the General of the
Measures he took on the Rec.t of the
Earl of Egremont's, regarding the
Attempts of the Connecticutt People to
Settle on the Susquehannah, which
had had the Desired Effect, those
People having, in Obedience to His
Majesty's Commands, given over all
thoughts of Settling on the Lands
in Question, untill the King's Plea-
-sure was further Known &c.a ..... 24.th June

No. 33 Copy/. Sir Jeffery's Answer; That he was
glad to Find the Colony of Connec-

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-ticutt, upon this Occasion, would pro-
-vide for their Troops, for the time
they might be Necessarily Detained
beyond that for which they were En-
-gaged: and that he was particular-
-ly Pleased to Learn, that, on the
Rect. of the Earl of Egremont's Letter,
respecting the Lands on the Sus-
-quehannah, the People who had pre-
-tended a Right to those Lands, had,
in Obedience to His Majesty's Com-
-mands, Desisted from all Attempts
of that kind, untill the King's
Pleasure was further Known, &ca ....26th June 1763.

No. 34 Copy/. Letter from Govr. Boone to Sir Jeff-
-ery Amherst; acknowledging the Rect.
of the Generals' of the 4th May, with
the Earl of Egremont's regarding the
Meeting to be held with the Southern
Indians; and that he had proposed
the 15th Sepr. as the day for the meet-
-ing, & to be held at Augusta ......31st May

No. 35. Copy/. Sir Jeffery's Answer; That he could
have Wished the time fixed for the
Meeting with the Indians could have
been sooner than the Middle of Sept.

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but, in case of Disappointments, it might perhaps be prudent, not to fix an Earlier time: Acquaints the Gov.r of two Methods proposed for Furnishing the Indians with Prov.s but Leaves it to him to Determine which will be the most Oeconomical for the Crown, &ca .... 15.th June

No. 36 Copy/. Letter from Mr. Stuart, Agent for Indian Affairs in the Southern District, to Sir Jeffery Amherst; acknowledg.g the Rec.t of the Earl of Egremonts, & the General's Letters, Regarding the Meeting to be held with the Indians, & of the Steps he was taking to bring it about &ca 31.st May

No. 37 Copy/. Sir Jeffery's answer; Approving of what he mentions to have Done; and Acquaints him of the Bad Designs Discovered by the Indians near Fort Pitt, that he might Warn those to the Southward, not to Hearken to any Messages that might be Sent from those Misguided Tribes, who had thus Rashly & Ungratefully fallen upon their Benefactors, &ca .... 15.th June

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[Indian Intelligence, May 27, 1763]

Copy 1.

Intelligence brought to Fort Pitt by Mr. Calhoun 1st June 1763.

Tuskarawa's May 27th 1763 _ 11 O'Clock at Night

King Beaver, with Shingas, Weindohela, Daniel & William Anderson, Chiefs of the Delawares came & Delivered me the following Intelligence by a String of Wampum.

Brother.

Out of Regard to you, and the Friendship that formerly Subsisted between Our Grand Fathers and the English, which has been lately Renewed by Us, we Come now to Inform you, with what News we have heard which you may Depend upon is true. ..

Brother

All the English at Ditroit were killed Ten Days ago, and not One left alive; at Sandusky all the White People were killed Five Days ago, being 17 in Number, Except the Officer, that Commanded there, is taken Prisoner and One Boy that made his Escape which We have not heard of; at the Mouth of the Twightwee River, Hugh Crawford, with One Boy taken Prisoners & Six Men Killed; at the Salt Licks, We heard to Day, there were killed five

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days ago, Five White Men; We have likewise Seen a Number of Tracks on the Road between this and Sundusky, not far off, which We are Sure is a Party Coming to Cutt you and your People off; but we have Sent a Man to Watch their Motions, and Request you may think of nothing you have here, but make the best of your Way to Some place of Safety, as we would not Desire to See you killed in Our Town; be Carefull to Avoid the Road and Every part where Indians Resort. Brother, what Goods and Other Effects you have here You need not be Uneasy about them, we Assure you that We will take Care and keep them Safe for Six Months; perhaps by that time We may See you or Send you Word what to Expect from Us further; and We know there is One White Man that belongs to you, at Cuiyahaga; Do not be Concerned for him, We will take Care to Send him Safe Home.

Brother

We Desire you to tell George Croghan, & all your great Men, that they must not ask Us any thing about this News, or what has happened, as we are not at all Concerned in it; the Nations that have taken up the Hatchet against you, are the Otta=was & Chepawas; and when you first Went to

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Speak to them People, you did not Consult Us up=
=on it; therefore Desire you may not Expect that
We are to Account for any Mischief they do;
so what you want to know further about the
News, you must learn it by the Same Road
you first went: But if you will Speak with
Us, you must Send One or two Men only and
We will hear them

Brother,

We thought your King had made Peace
with Us, and all the Western Nations of Indians; for
Our parts We Joined it heartily & Desired to
hold it always good; and you may Depend
upon it we will take Care not to be Easily
Cheated or Drawn into a War again: but as
We are Seated on the Road between you & these
Nations who have taken up the Hatchet against
you, We Desire you will Send no Warriors this
Way till We are Removed from this, which We
will Do as soon as We Conveniently Can, when
We shall permit you to pass without taking
Notice, 'till then We Desire the Warriors may go
the Road you first Went.

Gave a String of Wampum.

The following is what Mr Calhoun learned on his
way to Fort Pitt, from One of Three Indians who

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were Sent by the Aforesaid Chiefs to Conduct him Safe here (Vizt Daniel, who is before mentioned as one of the above Chiefs) That Detroit was not really taken but had been Attacked by the Indians, four Days before the Messenger, who brought the News Left it. (which Mr Calhoun Imagines must have been from about the 13th to the 17th of May) and that the Indians had not then met with much Success, but Strongly persisted in Carrying on the Attack, and Said, they were Determined not to give Over 'till they took it; and that the English had Sent out Three Belts and the French two, Desiring them to Desist which they Refused. Mr Calhoun further Says, that when he and his party, Fourteen in Number, were Setting out from Tuskarawas, the Indians Refused to Let them bring their Arms, telling them that the Three Indians that were going along with them, were Sufficient to Conduct them Safe; but the next Day passing Beaver Creek they were Fired up-on by a Party of Indians, and their Guides Immediately Disappeared without Interfering for them; and he is Convinced that they were led by these guides knowingly to this party in Order to be Cutt off, from which himself with three of his People have Escaped.—

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Having lost his way, and falling in upon the Road, leading to Venango, about Twenty Miles above this Post, he saw a Number of Indian's Tracks, that had gone that way.

Alexander McKee

Assistant Agent for Indian Affairs

Endorsed Copy/. Intelligence from / Fort Pitt, regarding the Bad / Designs of the Indians in / the Upper Country, &ca. / Enclosed in Colonel Bouquet's / Letter to Sir Jeffery Amherst, of / the 10th June 1763 / in Sr Amherst's of June 27: 1763 / No. 2

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Copy/.

New York 12th June 1763.

Sir,

Your Express Arrived here last Night with your Letter of the 10th Instant: By the Intelligence Enclosed therein, I Find the Affair of the Indians appears to be more General than I had Apprehended, altho' I Believe Nothing of what is mentioned Regarding the Garrison of Détroit being Cutt off: It is Extremely Inconvenient at this time, when I am in hourly Expectation of Receiving Directions from home, for the Movement of the Several Corps; but I Cannot Defer Sending you a Reinforcement for the Communication; and I have Ordered Major Campbell to March Immediately with the Light Infantry Companys of the 42d: & 77th Regiments: He takes Three Days Provisions with him, and is to be Supplyed by the Inhabitants, when they are Expended, at the Usual Rate of Fourpence Sterling,: He is to Send an Officer before to Acquaint you of his March; & you will Direct him Either to Continue his Route to Philadelphia, or to Alter it, as you may think best; for I Leave it Entirely to you to Employ these two Companys as Circumstances may

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Require: If the Indians have really Cutt off any of Our Garrisons, no time must be Lost in Retaking the Posts, & Securing them so that We may keep Entire possession of them.

I Have Wrote to Sir John St. Clair to procure Major Campbell all the assistance in his power for Forwarding the Companys; And I have likewise Wrote to Governor Hamilton, in hopes that the Province of Pensylvania will Exert themselves on this Occasion; but, at any Rate, you will Dispose of these two Companys according to the Advices you may Receive from above, without waiting for further Orders from me, which might be Attended with unnecessary Delays; and if you think it Necessary you will Yourself proceed towards Fort Pitt, that you may be the better Enabled to put in Execution the Requisite Orders for Securing the Communication, & Reducing the Indians to Reason.

You will, of Course, Acquaint me of Every thing that happens; & I shall be Ready, in Case of Necessity to Send you a further Reinforcement, from the Broken Corps that are now here —

I am,

Sir, &ca.

Jeff. Amherst

Colonel Bouquet.

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Extracts/.

Niagara; 5th June 1763.

"I Must herewith Enclose to your Excellency a Report made to me of the Misbehaviour of the Indians, who Say & Do all in their power to get Rum. Mr. De Couagne, the Interpreter, is very Pressing to Send off an Account of this Affair to Sir Wm. Johnson, therefore I Write all I Know at present, but would gladly have Waited to Know what the Indians have Done with the People & Goods, &ca. Left on Shore: Three of the Men Wounded, that got off in their Boats, are Arrived at this Place, and taken Care of, by a Surgeon present.

Many of the Pretended Chiefs of the Messissaques, Came to me the 21st. May, & Talked a long time, all for Rum, and, at last, the Produced a very Fine Belt, on the same Subject; which (as I Beg'd of them) they took back; When I Told them, in the best manner, that Rum could not be Brought to this Place, & therefore not to be had; I made them some Presents, and We Parted seemingly good Friends, but I was Informed afterwards by the Traders, &ca. that those Indians Declared to them, they would have Rum, or that We should Hear from them soon. – The

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Traders have often told me, that the Indians would never be Quiet, till they got Rum as Usual, but I still Believed they Spoke with a View to their own Interest, so Ceased as much as possible from Troubling Your Excellency on that Head.

Niagara 6th June 1763 — "Just as I was Sending off my Letter of Yesterday, Lieut: Cuyler of the Queen's Rangers, arrived from his Intended Voyage to the Detroit; He has been very Unfortunate, having been Defeated by Indians, within 30 Miles of the Détroit River; I Observed that he was Wounded & Weak, and Desired him to take the Surgeon's Assistance & some Rest; and Recollect the Particulars of the Affair, and Let me have them in Writing, as perhaps I should find it Necessary to Transmit them to Your Excellency, which I have now Done.

"It is probable Your Excellency will have heard of what has Happened by way of Fort Pitt, as Ensign Christie, Commanding at Presqu' Isle, Writes me that he has sent an Express to Acquaint the Commanding Officer at that Place, of Sandoskie's being Destroyed, & of Lieut: Cuyler's Defeat.

Some Indians of the Six Nations are now with me, They seem very Civil; The Interpreter

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has just told them I was Writing to Your Excellency for Rum, and they are very glad. -

Jno Wilkins Major 1st Batt^n
60th Regiment

His Excellency
Sir Jeffery Amherst }

Endorsed. Extracts; Letters from Major / Wilkins Commanding Officer / at Niagara to Sir Jeffery Amherst / Dated Niagara, 5 & 6th June 1763. / Enclosing an Account of Lieut Cuyler's; having Returned to Niagara, after / having been within 30 Miles of the / Detroit River, when he was Attacked / & Routed by a Party of Indians; and / of 96 men he had with him he only / Returned with 40. - / in Sr J. Amhersts of June 27: 1763 / N° 4.

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[Indexed — Cuyler, June 6. 1763]

Copy:

Lieut: Cuyler's Report of his being Attacked, & Routed by a Party of Indians, on Lake Erie.

"Left the Mouth of Lake Erie, 13th May; on the 28th Landed at 10 o'Clock at Night, about 25 Miles from the Mouth of the River Détroit, When my Last Boat Landed, a Man & Boy went along the Beach together to get Firewood; When they had got about a Hundred Yards from the Camp, two Indians jumped from behind a Log, Catched the Boy by the Head, & Tomahawked him; the Man Run to the Camp, and Acquainted me with what was Done: I Immediately Ordered my Men under Arms, and Sent a Serjeant, & 13 Men to Reconnoitre, & Bring in the Boy, which they Did, tho' he was Dead. I then Ordered a Serjeant & 13 Men on my Right Flank; a Serjeant & 13 men on my Left Flank; a Corporal & 25 Men, in the Center, to Reach from the Right Flank to the Left, the Whole to be on their Knee; The Remainder, with Myself, and a Lance Corporal, Drawn up before the Boats; my Reason for so doing was to Guard the Provisions & Boats, as taking it to be the Principal thing, on the Lake Side in Indian

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File: The Beach was Level, & about 40 Yards from the Waterside, to the Entrance of the Woods: Just after the Whole was Posted, the Men on the Right Flank began to Fire (and brought down an Indian the First Shot, as I was Told) then the Center, & so on to the Left Flank, which Fire the Indians Returned Immediately, & Rushed in upon the Cen-ter, which Flung the Whole in Confusion, most of them, after the first Fire, Flinging down their arms, and Running into the Lake; I Endeavored to Rally them, but with no Effect; Being aban-doned by my Men, I was Forced to Retreat in the best manner I Could, I Was Left with 6 Men on the Beach, Endeavoring to get off a Boat, which not being able to Effect, was Obliged to Run up to my Neck, in the Lake, to get to a Boat, that had Pushed off, without my Know-ledge. When I was in the Lake, I Saw Five Boats Manned, & the Indians having Manned two Boats, pursued & Brought back three of the Five, keeping a Continual Fire froom off the Shore, & from the two Boats that Followed us about a Mile on the Lake; the Wind Spring-ing up fair, I, & the Other Remaining Boat, Hoisted Sail, & Escaped. We made the Best of our Way, to a small Island opposite Point au

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Plays, which we Reached about 9 o'clock, on Sun=day the 29th May.–

I Examined my Party, & Found I had Left out of 96 Men (Serjts Corpls Included) 1 Serjt 1 Coor=poral & 38 Men, 5 of which are Wounded, myself also Slightly in the Arm; I Examined the Am=munition that was Left, and Found it did not Amount to a Round a man, & most of that Dam=aged. In this Condition I thought it Impossible to proceed to Détroit and the Wind Blowing hard Obliged me to Remain there that Day: At 12 at Night the Wind Lulling I Sett off for Sandusky, which having Reached at 5 in the Morning, I Found it Burnt to the Ground. I then proceeded to Presqu' Isle, which I Reached Early on Friday, after having Ac=quainted Ensign Christie of what had hap=pened, & Left him 6 Men to Strengthen his Party, as he had but 18 Men. I Rested my men for a Day, & on Saturday morning Pro=ceeded on my Way; On Sunday Reached the Mouth of the Lake, & Acquainted Ensign Ros=coe of what had happened, that he might be on his Guard.– Reached Niagara at 5 o'clock, & Acquainted Major Wilkins of this Unfortunate Event. | Niagara June 6th 1763 | Abraham Cuyler Lt of ye Qns Rl Indt Rangers.

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N. B. Of Ten Batteaus, with 139 Barrels of Prov. which Lieut: Cuyler took with him from Niagara, he Returned with only 2 Batteaus, & 9 Barrels of Provisions Reckoning 4½ Barrels, which he left with Mr. Christie at Presqu' Isle.

Endorsed. Copy/. Lieut Cuyler's | Report | of his being Attacked & Routed | by a Party of Indians on | Lake Erie, the 28th May 1763. | Enclosed in Major Wilkins's Letter | to Sir Jeffery Amherst of the 1st June 1763. | in Sr. J. Amherst's of June 27: 1763 | No. 5.

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Extract /

New York, 16th June 1763.

Sir,

Your Letters of the 25th May & 5th Instant, with their Several Enclosures, are this moment come to my Hands; and I lose no time in Dispatching Captain Dalyell, with the necessary Orders for Reinforcing your Garrison, & Advancing towards the Detroit as there may be Occasion.

I Had before heard of the bad Intentions of the Indians about Fort Pitt, upon which I not only Ordered a Reinforcement that way, but Sent the 17th Regiment, Such as it is (for the West Indies have greatly thin'd it) to Albany, with Orders to proceed from thence, to Fort Stanwix, that the Detachments of the 55th Stationed there, and at the Royal Blockhouse, might Move forwards to Fort Ontario, in Case of any Danger from the Indians in that Quarter.

The Intelligence you Send me, has Determined me, notwithstanding the Orders I had formerly sent, to Detain the Provincials for the present; and I have given Captain Dalyell, and Major Duncan, Discretionary Orders for the Captain's Carrying with him, such a Reinforce-

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-ment of Regulars & Provincials as they may Judge best, according to the Numbers that can be Ad-vanced to Fort Ontario; and I give him Orders for proceeding from Niagara to the Détroit, with such a Reinforcement as you can Spare and that he Judges Force Sufficient for going to the Détroit.—

I Approve Entirely of Lieut: Cuyler's Leav-ing Six Men with Ensign Christie at Presqu' Isle; but it is matter of Surprize to me, to Find that Such a Formidable Detachment as Lieut. Cuyler's was, when Attacked, should have been so Soon Routed by an Irregular party of Indians. I Expect Nothing from the Tra-ders, but Surely Men who were not only armed, but Warned, as I find by a former Letter from you, Lieut: Cuyler's Party were, ought to have given a better Account of the Enemy, than that which you have trans-mitted to me from Mr Cuyler.

I am,

Sir,

&ca.

Jeff: Amherst.

Major Wilkins; Or Officer Commanding at Niagara }

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Copy/.

New York, 16th June 1763-

Sir,

Since my Last Letter to You, I have received Various Reports of the bad Intentions of the Indians near Fort Pitt & to the Westward; but I was willing to hope the Affair would End in Nothing more than the Rash Attempts of that Turbulent Tribe the Shawnese, Stirred up by the Senecas, who have never been well Affected towards Us; but this Moment I have Letters from Major Wilkins, Advising me of Lieut: Cuyler's Return to Niagara, after having been attacked, & Lost the greatest part of his Men, by a Party of Indians on Lake Erie.

Whereupon I have thought it necessary to Dispatch Captain Dalyell to Albany, with Orders to proceed Directly to Niagara, taking with him Such Reinforcements from the 17th Regiment (which is now on its Route to Fort Stanwix) to Fort Ontario, that he may proceed with as many of the 55th, and such Force as can be Spared & Collected at the Other Posts, to the Détroit, should there be Occasion; but I Flatter myself, notwithstanding the Reports We have heard, that I shall have the

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pleasure of Finding You, and your Garrison are all well, and that you have been able to Defeat the Weak Attempts of the Indians, if they have been so Rash as to make any.—

I am,

Sir, &ca.

Jeff: Amherst.

Major Gladwin; Or Officer Commanding at the Detroit }

Endorsed. Copy/. Letter from Sir Jeffery | Amherst to Major Gladwin, | Command^g Officer at the Détroit. | Dated New York, 16th June 1763. | Acquaints him of Captain Dalyell's | being Sent with Orders to Collect all | the Reinforcements that could be | Spared from the Several Posts, at | Niagara, to be ready to Send forward | to the Major's Relief, in Case of | Necessity, tho', at that time the General | had no Certain Accounts of the Détroit | being Invested &ca.— | in S^r J: Amherst's of June 27. | 1763 | N°. 7.

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Extract /.

Niagara, 15th June 1763 –

"The Letter herewith Enclosed is Just Arrived in the Schooner from the Détroit. Major Glad-win only Writes to me that he is in hopes of a Reinforcement, on which I have Immediately Sent him, a Lieutenant and 2 Serjeants, 1 Corporal & 50 Men, with an Ample Supply of Amunition &ca, and as much Provisions as the Vessell Can take on Board with the Party.

The Master of the Vessell tells me he was Several times Attacked by Indians in the Détroit River, on his way here; and possitively Declares, that he Saw a Party of 4 or 500 with 30 Cannoes, who Engaged him for Some time; but a Wind Springing up he got further from them, but they Sent a Cannoe after him, with Capt: Campbell of 1st Battn 60th on Board, who hailed the Schooner, and Seemed very unwilling to Speak, when answer'd; but told the Master that he was Sorry for it, but was Obliged to Order the Vessell to Come on Shore; but told the Master he knew his Orders, and advised him to get from

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thence as soon as possible, which he did.–"

J: Wilkins

His Excellency Sir Jeffery Amherst.–

Endorsed. Extract/ Letter from Major, Wilkins Command[g] Officer at/ Niagara to Sir Jeffery Am=herst/ Dated Niagara 15th June 1763/ Acquainting the General of the Arrival/ of the Schooner from the Detroit, with/ a Letter from Major Gladwin, Ad=vising/ that that Place was Invested by the/ Indians, & Desiring a Reinforcement/ from Nia=gara, which the Major/ accordingly sent.–/ in S[r] J. Amherst's of June 27: 1763/ N[o]. 8.

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Copy 1.

Detroit May 14th 1763.

Sir,

On the First Instant, Pontiac, the Chief of the Ottawa Nation, came here with about Fifty of his Men, & Told me that in a few days, when the Rest of his Nation came in, he Intended to Pay me a Formal Visit; The 7th he came, but I was luckily Informed the night before that he was Coming with an Intention to Surprize Us; Upon which I took such Precautions that when they Entered the Fort, (tho' they were, by the best Accounts about Three Hundred, & Armed with Knives, Tomyhawks, & a great many with Guns cut Short, & hid under their Blankets) they were so much Surprized to See our Disposition, that they could Scarcely Sit down to Council; However, in about half an hour, after they Saw their Designs were Discovered, they Sat Down, and made Several Speeches, which I Answered Calmly, without Intimating my Suspicion of their Intentions, and, after Receiving some Trifling Presents, they went away to their Camp: This morning a Party Sent by him took Lieut: Robertson & Sir Robert

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Davers, in a Barge near the Entrance of Lake Huron, which Lieut: Robertson went to Sound; They, with the Boats Crew, were all Murdered. The 8th Pontiac came, with a Pipe of Peace, in order to Ask Leave to Come next Day, with his Whole Nation, to Renew his Friendship; This I Refused, but I Told him, he might come with the Rest of his Chiefs; However Instead of Coming, the 9th in the Afternoon, he Struck his Camp, and Immediately Commenced Hostilities, by Killing the King's Cattle, and the People that took Care of them besides two poor English Families that had Settled in the Country: He also Cut off my Communication with the Inhabitants, and Threatened them, that the First that should Bring me Provisions, or any thing Else, he would put to Death: They Surrounded the Fort, and Fired a vast Number of Shot at it, and the Vessels, which were Anchored so as to Flank the Fort Above & Below; The 10th they Surrounded it again, and Fired very Briskly 'till about Twelve o'Clock when there was some Proposals for an Accommodation, which I was Ready to Listen to, in order to get Provisions, as I had not above

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Three Weeks at Short Allowance; Therefore I Sent Captain Campbell & Lieut: Mac Dougall, & some of the Principal Inhabitants, to Hold a Council with them:- They Insisted, that I should Deliver up the Fort, as Mr. Bellestre Did, and Leave all the Merchandize; To which I Answered, after I got a Supply of Provisions, that I should not give to him, or any of his Brethren; Cap:tain Campbell & Lieut: Mac Dougall, are still with him, in Lieu of whom I have two Indians in Possession.- The 12th they again Surrounded the Fort, & Fired upon it, Four Hours very Briskly, but they were Repulsed with some Loss. We had only Five men Wounded. The 13th in the Morning, I Heard that the Hurons had Intercepted One Chapman with Five Batteaus, Loaded with Merchandize, among which they got Sixteen Half Barrels of Powder, & Some Spirits Intended for the Garrison; and upon hearing they had got Drunk with it, I Ordered 25 Men, under the Command of Captain Hopkins, on Board the Sloop, in order to Attempt to Burn the Huron Village, under Cover of that Vessell; but Unluckily, Immediately after She Weighed Anchor, the Wind Choped about, so I was

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Obliged to Drop my Plan.

We are in High Spirits, and have Pro=visions & Ammunition Enough to Serve Us 'till a Relief Arrives. - I Believe the Enemy may A=mount to Six, or Seven Hundred.

I Have the Honor to be,

Sir,

&ca.

Henry Gladwin

His Excellency
Sir Jeffery Amherst.

Endorsed. Copy / Letter from Major / Gladwin, Commanding / Officer at the Détroit, to / Sir Jeffery Amherst. / Dated Détroit, 14th May 1763 / Containing the Particulars of / the Savages having attack=ed / his Post, and of the Measures / he was taking to Defend it, &ca. - / in S. J. Amherst's of June 27. 1763 / No. 9.

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Extract/.

New York, 22.d June 1763._

Last Night an Express Arrived here from Albany, & brought me your Letter of the 15.th Instant, with One Enclosed from Major Gladwin: This Last is a Duplicate of the 14.th May; when the Major and his Garrison, 'tho' Invested by a Considerable Body of Indians, were in high Spirits, and I Trust have been able to Defend the place untill your Reinforcement Arrived: You do not Mention the Date of your Letter from Major Gladwin, nor when the Schooner Left the Détroit: I should hope it was much Later than the Date of mine._

As Every Measure that is in my power for Collecting a proper Body of Troops for the Defence and protection of the upper Country is already taken, I need only at present Recommend to you to Continue your Attention to the Safety of your Post, and its Dependencies, and forwarding the Above Service._

Jeff: Amherst

Major Wilkins; Or Officer Commanding at Niagara}

Endorsed.

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Copy :

New York 22d. June 1763.

Sir,

The Duplicate of your Letter of the 6th. May, came to my Hands last Night, having been Forwarded from Niagara in Six Days: The Original I have not yet Received, and this brought me the first Certain Accounts of the Savages having Invested your Post.—

Captain Dalyell will have Informed you of the Measures taken by me, on Receiving the First Intelligence of the Bad Designs of the Indians, for Collecting all the Force I Could, & to Push them Forwards to your Relief; and I Trust they will Arrive in time to Save the Upper Country, & put Every thing again upon a proper Footing.—

The Precautions You took when the Perfidious Villains came to Pay you a Visit, were Indeed very wisely Concerted; and I Approve Entirely of the Steps you have since taken for the Defence of the Place, which, I hope will have Enabled You to keep the Savages at Bay untill the Reinforcement, which Major Wilkins Writes me he had Sent You, Arrives with You.—

I Most Sincerely Grieve for the Unfortunate

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Fate of Sir Robert Davers, Lieut. Robertson, & the Rest of the Poor People, who have fallen into the Hands of the Merciless Villains.. I Trust You did not Know of the Murder of those Gentlemen, when Pontiac came with a Pipe of Peace, for if You had, You certainly would have put him, & Every Indian in your Power, to Death: Such Retaliation is the only Way of Treating such Miscreants..

I Cannot but Approve of your having Permitted Captain Campbell & Lieut: Mac Dougal to go to the Indians, as you had no Other Method to Procure Provisions, by which means you may have been Enabled to Preserve the Garrison; for no Other Inducement should have prevailed on You to Allow those Gentlemen to Entrust themselves with the Savages. I am Nevertheless not without my Fears for them, and were it not that You have two Indians, in your Hands, in Lieu of those Gentlemen, I should give them over for Lost.

I Shall add no more at present: Capt. Dalyell will Inform You of the Steps taken for Reinforcing you; and You may be Assured the utmost Expedition will be Used for Collecting such a Force as may be Sufficient for bringing

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ample Vengeance on the Treacherous & Bloody Villains who have so Perfidiously Attacked their Benefactors.

I am,

Sir &ca.

Jeff. Amherst

Major Gladwin, Commanding at the Detroit.—

Endorsed. Copy of Letter from Sir Jeffery | Amherst to Major Gladwin, | Commanding Officer at the Detroit, | Dated New York 22d June 1763. | In Answer to the Major's of 14th May. | Approves of the precautions he had | taken to Defeat the Treacherous Designs | of the Indians: Hopes he will be able | to Defend the Place untill Reinforcements | Arrive: Laments the Deaths of Lieut: | Robertson, Sir Robt. Davers, & others, who | had been Massacred by the Savages; But Trusts the Major was not Apprized | of those Cruelties having been Committed | when the Villains came to the Fort, with | a Pipe of Peace, or the Whole ought | to have been Instantly put to Death, | vid | in Sr J. Amherst's of June 27: 1763 | No. 11.

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Copy 1.

Philadelphia, 16th June 1763.

Sir,

I received, the 14th, Your Excellency's Letter of the 12th, and have required Major Campbell to proceed to this Town with the two Companys.

We are yet too much in the Dark to form a Plan; but if things are as Represented, I propose to March these two Companys to Fort Pitt with a Convoy of Flour, Sheep, and some Powder, which will be kept Ready at Shippensburg; and in Escorting back the Horses and Drivers Clear the Forts of Useless People, and leave Sufficient Garrisons upon the Communication to keep it Clear and Open to further Supplies.

Any Alteration you may think proper to make in that Disposition, will Come in time.

In the Supposition that the Communications with Niagara, from Montreal and Albany, can be Depended on, I beg you would please to take into Consideration, whether the Blockhouses at Venango and Le Boeuf ought not to be Abandoned, and their Small Garrisons, when Disengaged, Sent to Fort Pitt or Presqu' Isle, keeping only this last Post which can Con=

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-veniently be Supplied by the Lakes; Whereas to Support the Other two, is very precarious, and would Require more men than We can Spare, without any Visible advantage.—

The Communication from Fort Pitt to the Detroit by Sandusky, appears to me Impracticable, During a War with the Savages, from the too great Distance through a Country full of Swamps, and but by Rivers and some of which are Seldom Fordable.—

The Panick appears General on the Frontiers, which will soon be Deserted..

Should these Provinces raise Troops, Permit me to Submit to you, whether they would not be of more Service on this Occasion, if Formed into Ranging Companies, Composed of Hunters and Woodsmen, who may be had on the Frontiers of this Province, but particularly on those of Maryland & Virginia; and if those Levys were under the Inspection of an Officer to Reject the Rabble too Commonly Received, which Occasion a great Expence in pay and Provisions without Doing any Service.—

We have no Powder here; I shall get some from the Traders in Cumberland County.

The Powder magazine at Fort Pitt being

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liable to be overflowed; would you Approve of Building a Small One, upon a Bastion; Bricks are Ready made, a few Bricklayers might be wanted.—

I shall Joyn Major Campbell at Carlisle, and proceed to Bedford to forward what is Wanted, and be in the Way to Act as Circumstances may Require.

I have the Honor to be with great Respect,

Sir, &ca

Henry Bouquet

His Excellency Sir Jeffery Amherst.

Endorsed. Copy/ Letter from Colonel/ Bouquet to Sir Jeffery Amherst./ Dated Philadelphia, 16th June 1763/ acquaints the General of the/ Disposition he Intended to make of/ the Two Companys of Light Infantry,/ Ordered to the Communication of/ Fort Pitt &ca./ in Sr J: Amherst's of June 27: 1763/ No. 12.

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Copy 7.

New York, 19th June 1763-

Sir,

I Have Received your Letter of the 16th. Instant; & I Approve Entirely of the Disposition you proposed to make of the Two Companys; for at present, the first thing to be thought of, is to Secure the Principal Fort and Communication: You will See by the Enclosed Duplicate of my Letter of Yesterday, that another Company is Ordered to March to Philadelphia, and therefore you will Leave Directions for the Commanding Officer to follow you: The Remains of the 42d. shall likewise proceed to Philadelphia, for the Same Service, should there be a Necessity for them: But the small Remains of the 77th. which Scarce Amount to One Company, are so feeble and Weak, with the West India Distemper, that I Fear they will not be able to go on Service.-

I Have Sent Capt: Dalyell to Niagara, and he will have attention to the Supplying Presqu' Isle from thence, with Reinforcements of men, or Whatever Else the Garrison may Stand in Need of, which I hope will Arrive in time to prevent its falling into the Hands of the Indians, should they Attack it, Especially as

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they got a Few Men, and a Small Supply of Pro=
=visions, from the Officer of Hopkins's Rangers, that was Obliged to Return to Niagara, after having been great part of the way to the Détroit, the Indians having Attacked and Routed his Detachment.

The Abandoning of any Posts at a time when the Indians are Committing Hostilities must be attended with the worst of Consequences: Where=
=fore, altho' the Posts at Venango & Le Boeuf may be of Little Advantage to Us, yet I cannot think of giving them Up at this time, if We can keep them, as such a Step would give the In=
=dians Room to Imagine themselves more Formi=
=dable than they really are; and it would be much better We never attempted to take Post in what they Call their Country, if, upon Every Alarm, we Abandon them.—

There is no Doubt but it is in the Power of the Indians, if they Exert their utmost Force, to Cutt off some of those small Posts, before We can Send the Necessary Reinforcements, as the Troops, at present here, are so few and so widely Scattered; but an Attack on any Fixed Post, tho' thinly Garrisoned ought to Cost the Indians so Dear, that they should not make a Second Attempt of the Kind: It Re=

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=mains at present for Us to take Every precaution We can by which We may put a Stop as Soon as possible, to their Committing any further Mis=chief, and to bring them to a proper Subjec=tion; for without that, I never do Expect they will be Quiet & Orderly; as Every Act of kind=ness and Generosity to those Barbarians is Look=ed on as proceeding from our Fears; I Don't however, the less mean to Treat them Well, provided they Behave Quietly & are Deserving of good Usage.

The Provincials that may be furnished on the Occasion, if put under your Command, you can always Employ as you Judge best, Ei-ther as Rangers or Woodsmen; and I would not Desire them to be Raised on a Different Footing than Usual, as I am perswaded Dif-ficulties would be Immediately Started to any new proposal.—

The Powder Magazine at Fort Pitt be=ing Liable to be overflowed is Indeed a very Unlucky Circumstance, but I hope, at present, no such Accident will happen: Such temporary precautions as can be taken to pre=serve the Ammunition, you will, of Course, At=tend to.

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You will, from time to time, Acquaint Governor Hamilton, to whom I now Write, of Every thing Extraordinary that may happen, & that you think should be made known to him: I Enclose you a Copy of my Letter to the Governor.—

I have only to Add, that should the Indians have been able to Do Mis=chief at the Détroit, or the upper Posts, for as yet I have no Accounts from thence, I must Collect all the Force I possibly Can at Niagara, and Presqu' Isle, and take such Measures as may not only Reduce the Savages, but Retake and keep Possession of the Several Posts that may have been taken from Us; and for Securing the Country, in such an Effectual manner, as to prevent any fu=ture Danger from the Attempts of the Savages.—

I am,

Sir,

&ca.

Jeff: Amherst

Colonel Bouquet.

Endorsed.

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Extract/. Philadelphia 22d June 1763.–

I am to Acknowledge Your Excellency's Letters of the 16th & 19th with their Several Enclosures.–

I received this Evening the Enclosed from Captain Ourry at Fort Bedford.–

I have not heard from Fort Pitt, since the 4th: There was Nothing new at Ligonier the 15th.–

I Leave Directions for the Officer Commanding the Company of the 42d and for Lieut. Mitchelson to follow me without Delay; and I shall proceed to Bedford with all the Dispatch that the Weak State of Some of the Men in the Other two Companies, & the Incumbrance of a Convoy, will admit of; as no Dependance can be had on the Militia at that Post and Ligonier.–

The Governor will Convene his Assembly; I wish they may become Sensible of the Necessity of Assisting us Speedily, & Effectually.–

Henry Bouquet.

His Excellency Sir Jeffery Amherst.

Endorsed. Extract of Letter from Colonel/ Bouquet to Sir Jeffery Amherst/ Dated Philadelphia 22d. June 1763/ Enclosing a Con=versation that had/ Passed between an Indian Prisoner/ at Fort Bedford, & Captain Ourry/ and that the Colonel Intended to/ Proceed immediately, with the Light/ Infantry Companys, Leaving orders/ for the Rest to follow him &ca/ in Sr. J. Amherst's of June 27. 1763/ No. 14.

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Copy/

Captain Ourry's Speech to the Indian Hudson.

Hudson,

You may Remember, that I told you, as soon as you was brought in Prisoner, by my Order, that I had Seized, you and Secured you, because your Brethren had taken up the Tomahawk against their Brothers the English, without giving them previous Notice, or Assigning any Cause for so Treacherous a proceeding.—

I also promised you, that I would not hurt you, but, that on the Contrary, you and your Companions, your Squaws, and your Children should be Used Well & tenderly; and you know I have kept my Word like a True Man.—

I am Still in the Same mind, because the way of the English is not to Kill, or hurt their Prisoners, but to Exchange them.—

You know that all the last Winter, & this Spring you and Your Brethren, particularly Kickinskum, & their Squaws, have always been well Received at my House; and that I was always glad to See you, and Smoke with you, when you was Sober.—

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But the Kind & Civil Treatment you all Received from me, was Nothing in Comparison to the great Indulgence and Hospitality shewn to you all by the Buck (Geo: Croghan) and his Brother (Major Ward): Price & Davis were in your Company, and Equally Carressed.—

How far you, and they, and Hickiuskum, are Concerned in the present Treacherous breach of Friendship & Hospitality is best known to yourselves; but it is Certain that Gratitude, as well as publick Faith, should have Induced you to have Acquainted your Brothers, your Friends, your Benefactors with such a Black & Bloody Design, that they might have Guarded against it.—

And I Expect now, from the tenderness with which you and your Families are Still Treated, that you will, like a good & True Brother, Inform me of what you know of the present Design of the Indians, and the Cause of their Insurrection that I may Write to the great Warrior Amherst, and to George Croghan.

And I may Venture to Assure you, that if you prove yourself a True Brother to the English, the great Warrior will not hurt a hair of your Head; But, if, on the Contrary,

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you Deceive him by Lies, or by not telling all that you know I Cannot Say, in that Case, what will be Done with you and your Families...

To which John Hudson Answered; I Acknow=ledge all what my Brother says to be True, and am thankfull for the Favors Received. What I know I will Declare truly: I have always Come with messages for the English and have never told Lies...

The Tawichtwi's & Wiandot's have Struck this Blow in Revenge for the Death of their two Chiefs, kill'd at the Siege of Niagara. These two Nations have Complained that we (the Cayugas) Assisted the English against them, and brought a Tomahauk to Our Town, telling Us, you Five Nations, here is the Hatchet, Strike with Us; but we Answered, No: We have the English fast Friends in Our Hands.

Quest..... Did not Kichinskum know of this?
Answ..... Yes, and was Advising Us to make off, because he knew that the Tawichtwi's & Wiandots would strike, & We were between, so he wanted to get out of the Way.
Q..... Did you know they were near Striking?
A..... I did not know when they would Strike,

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but they have always been threat'ning, (since their Chiefs were killed) and for that Reason I would not go to War this Spring, lest I might be Suspected of being Concerned. General Johnson was Apprized of their Threat'nings. –

Q.... Did the Indians that passed by here lately, for the Southward, know any thing of this?

A.... I Imagine not, or they would have Staid at home; for when they hear bad News, they Generally Sit Still at Home, Expecting to be Called upon. –

Q.... Are more of your People Angry?

A.... If any of Our People were Angry, that Frequent Pittsburgh & these parts, the English would have been all Cutt off long ago. –

Q.... Why Can't the Tawichtwi's & Wiandots Cutt us off as well as your People?

A.... This is a Vast way from their Country.

Q.... But they have been at Pittsburgh now, and why might they not Come here?

A.... Pittsburgh is as far as they know. If we would have Joined them they would have been here long ago. The Wiandots are a very small Nation: The Tawichtwi's, very numerous, but most Distant.

Q.... Will not those two Nations be very angry

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with your People, for not helping them, and pilot-ing them Down?

A.... We Don't Regard them; we are not to be Bid by them to go to War against any Nation or People. The Five Nations are always Ready to go where General Johnson Desires them. The Wiandots were a Nation that had no Land; We pitied them, and we gave them Liberty to Settle on Our Land; We took them by the Hand, and told them to be Friend with Us and the English: We kindled their Fire and bad them Cover their Heads on our Land; and now they have Spilt Blood upon Our Land, which was None of theirs; therefore Our Councellors & great men will Call them to Account for it: and I am Sure the Delawares are not Concerned in this Insurrection.-

Q..... Is not the Wolf Son to Kiskiuskum? and therefore a Delaware.-

A..... The Wolf is Son to Kiskiuskum, but Born of a Wiandot Woman, and Consequently according to the Custom of the Indians, a Wiandot: Price is a Mohiccon, and Davis also.

Q.... Were they not Concerned in this Plot?

A.... I do not think they were; I always thought them firm in the English Interest; as they

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were both always bred with the English at Wiom-ing, which is the Reason they talk the Eng-lish so well.

Q.... What do you know of Conowogh your fellow Prisoner, is he Staunch to the English?

A.... He is a Child to me; he has followed me from his Infancy, and is as I am; and has always followed my Fortunes and Fought by my Side with the White People. He took at Ni-agara, two French Men Prisoners, and Deliver-ed them to General Johnson. At that time I was at Philadelphia, being Sent there by the Five Nations, with a Belt to Confirm to the English that We were Still in their Interest. I was Three times in Philadelphia with large Belts of Wampum, while we were Fighting for the English to the Northward. The Governor of Philadelphia, and several great Men and Quakers, went with me to a great Man Over the Delaware, in a great Ship, with One Stick only Standing up, to a place Called Burlington, where I Delivered a Large Belt of Wam-pum to that great Man. The Writings at Phili-delphia Can Confirm the Truth of all what I say; and George Croghan knows it also; and all the great People in Philadelphia and New York know me very well.

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Extract of

New York, 23^d June 1763.

After Acquainting Colonel Bouquet with the Contents of Major Gladwin's Letter; and that he had fully Informed Sir William Johnson of Every thing regarding the Behaviour of the Indians, Sir Jeffery goes on thus.—

"This makes not the Least Alteration to my Plan I had Fixed upon, before I Received this Advice, as I am Determined to Take Every Measure in my power, not only for Securing, & keeping Entire Possession of the Country, but for Punishing those Barbarians, who have thus perfidiously Massacred His Majesty's Subjects.—

"To Effect this most Essential Service, I Intend to Collect, agreeable to what I Wrote you in my Last, all the Force I can, at Presqu' Isle & Niagara, that I may Push them Forwards, as Occasion may Require; I have therefore Ordered the Remains of the 42^d & 77th Reg^ts the First Consisting of 214 Men, Including Officers, & the Latter of 133, Officers Included, which will March this Evening, or Early tomorrow morning, under the Command of Major Campbell of the 42^d who has my

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Orders to Send an Officer before to Acquaint you of his being on the March, & to Obey such fur=ther Directions as he may Receive from You."

Jeff: Amherst.

Colonel Bouquet.

Endorsed. Extract/ Letter from Sir Jeffery/ Amherst to Colonel Bouquet./ Dated New York 23d June 1763/ In Answer to the Colonels of the/ 23d June/ After acquainting him of the/ Intelligence he had Re=ceived from/ Major Gladwin of the Indians hav=ing/ Actually Invested the Detroit, the/ General Adds; That this makes/ no Alteration in his former Plan/ for Collecting all the Force he could/ at Presqu' Isle & Niagara, so as to/ be able not only to Secure & keep/ Possession of the Upper Country,/ but to Punish the Barbarians, who/ had thus perfidiously Massacred/ His Majesty's Subjects./ in Sr. J. Amherst's of June 27: 1763/ No. 16.

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Copy /

New York, 12th June 1763.

Sir,

You will no doubt have Heard that the Indians near Fort Pitt have been Doing mischief; and it would Seem that the Affair is more General than I have once Apprehended: I Herewith Enclose you Copies of what I have Received from Colonel Bouquet: The Last part of the Intelligence seems to be greatly Exaggerated, as I Cannot Entertain a thought that they have been able to Cutt off the Garrison of the Detroit, or any of the Posts where Officers were Stationed. I Have however Ordered Major Campbell with the Light Infantry Companys of the 42d & 77th Regiments, to March towards Philadelphia, in Case Colonel Bouquet should See Occasion to Employ them on that Communication; And the Light Infantry Company of the 17th Embark this day for Albany, from whence they are to Proceed to Fort Stanwix: They will be followed in a few days, by the Rest of that Regiment. From what I Wrote you in my Last, I Doubt not but you will have taken the Necessary Steps for Caution-

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-ing those Misguided Indians from pursuing such Measures that in the End must bring Certain Ruin on their own Heads, should they be so Rash as to Persist in them.

I am, with great Regard,

Sir, &ca.

Jeff: Amherst.

Sir Wm Johnson, Bart.

Endorsed. Copy/ Letter from Sir Jeffery/ Amherst to Sir Wm Johnson Dated New York, 12th June 1763/ Acquainting him of the First/ Mischief Done by the Indians/ near Fort Pitt; and of the/ Measures he was taking for/ being in Readiness to Send some/ Force for the protection of the/ County &ca. / in Sr J. Amherst's of June 27: 1763 / No. 17.

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Copy 1.

Johnson Hall, 8th June 1763.

Sir,

I have been Honored with Your Excellen=-cy's Letter of the 18th ultimo; a few Days be=-fore the Receipt of which Four Deputys from the Six Nations Arrived here, Charged with a Message and Several Belts of Wampum to the Governor of Connecticutt, to Desire he would Cause his People to Desist from the Settle=-ment on the Susquehana River; they Desired that some Mohawks should Accompany them, as also that I should Send a Deputy with them, to take Care of them on the Road, & prevent Impositions; I accordingly sent Lieut. Johnson, together with an Interpreter in Com=-pliance with their Request, they likewise Informed me that a very Considerable Num=-ber of the Six Nations were on their way hither, in Order to have a Meeting with me:- The 21st 139 of the Sachims and Princi=-pal Warriors of the Several Nations Arrived here, and the following Day they Opened the Conference with me, and after going thro' all their usual Ceremonies, & Delivering Sev=-eral Belts, I returned their Compliments in

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the Usual Manner, and they parted for that Day. – They Assembled again on the 20th when forty five Chiefs & Warriors of the Chenusio's Arrived. – The Onondaga Speaker in the Name, and on behalf of the Whole Confederacy then addressed me, repeating our first Agreements with the Indians, and the promises then made by both: all which in the Name of the Whole he Renewed and Strenghned: then Requested I would join them in Entreating the General to preserve the Same Inviolable, as they Intended to Do on their parts, Otherwise the Chain might break. They next gave a Belt to Desire we might consider well the State of the Chain of Friendship & not let it Slip, least a Judgement should be Inflicted on Us, and after Declaring that they were as much Concerned as we Could be, at the late Murder, and had taken Every Method Since for procuring Us Satisfaction they said that they found it Impossible to persuade the Nations to Deviate from a Custom which was their Law; Neither had the English Ever pushed them so much on that Head formerly: That Several of their people had been from time to time Killed by Us, tho' they never sought

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for Revenge, after the English had Condoled with them thereon in the usual Manner; that therefore they could not help Attributing our present Urging to some Other Cause, namely that of Obtaining their Lands, which the great Spirit assigned for their Habitations, and which they would hardly Imagine the King, after his Several Declarations, had any Design upon; they therefore Requested we would Observe and follow our old Agreement with them. — They likewise Repeated Our promises made at the Commencement of the War, of Removing the French, and Returning them their Lands, that Our Hands should Always be Open to them, if they would take up the Hatchet, and that as We were a Wealthy Trading People we should be Able to Supply them with goods at a very Reasonable Rate; all which they Expected would have been performed, but they find themselves greatly Mistaken; for Instead of Restoring Lands we were Erecting more Forts in many parts of the Country, notwithstanding, the French were Dead (as they Called it) and Goods were Still Sold so Dear, that their Warriors and Women

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were very Uneasy, and apt to Believe every bad Report concerning the Intentions of the English, and as they Declared theirs of keeping up the Friendship Subsisting between Us, they were Induced to Expect We would fulfill the promises we had made as a means of Convincing them of Our honest Intentions.

They next Repeated that at Oswego, which was formerly the place of Trade for both far and near, the Indians formerly found better treatment than they do any where at present, that the Distant Indians often come to them to Enquire into the Cause of it, and the Dearness of Goods, and the great Scarcity of Powder; and that they, the Six Nations, apprehend these foolish Rash People might do Something that was bad to the People who go so far into their Country, to prevent which they advised that no Trade should be Carried on with them, Except at Oswego, Niagara & Détroit and that on the most Reasonable Terms.—

Then mentioned all the trouble they had in Endeavouring to procure Us Justice, and that they had at length persuaded the Senecas to come Down, who now, with

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a proper Belt Opened & Cleared the Road from Chenussio hither, saying they should have their Eyes Fixed thereon for the future, and should be ready to attend whenever Called upon. After this the Chief of the Senecas told me that he was on behalf of his Nation, to Inform me, that they were under Such Concern for the Murder, which they Considered as Done to themselves; that they would not Rest 'till they had procured Us a plaister for the Wound, and therefore hoped We would Rest Satisfied with the Assurance given in presence of all the Nations.

On the 27th. I answered their Speech in Every particular as far as I was able, argued upon the Unreasonableness of their Custom in not Delivering up the Offenders, by which only they could give Us Satisfaction; at the Same time telling them, that I should Acquaint Your Excellency with the purport of the Meeting, and submit the Several matters therein to Your Consideration, this gave them much Satisfaction, & they Repeated their Declarations of preserving peace and good Order for the future. I am also of Opinion that the

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manner in which We have Insisted on their giving up the Murderers, has sufficiently a-larmed them to prevent their Repeating such Behavior, and I hope the Senecas will Still fall on a Method of making us proper Satis-faction..

As to the Intelligence Communicated in Your Excellency's Letter of the 29th Ultimo; I Cannot better Account for the same than by Acquainting you, that an Indian is Just now Arrived here from Conojohare, Dispatch-ed by the Sachims on the News having Arrived by Express from Oneida of the De-sign of the French from Mississippi, who 'tis said have Ascended that River and Invested some of Our Posts to the West=ward, and that they had sent a Large Belt of Wampum with some English Scalps thro' the Southren Indians to the Six Nations to Desire their Assistance, which has been Refused by some of the Nations.. Altho' the Indians here are positive that this Intelli-gence is true; I am of Opinion the French are Neither able Or Desirous as yet to Attempt a thing of that Kind; but that the Belt said to be Sent from them must have been

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some time ago, and may have lain in the Hands of Some of the nations thro' which it passed, for their Consulting thereon, which often happens, and that some of the Nations, Desirous to associate with the French, may have Sent the Belt to the Miamis, which was Said to have Come from the Senecas; However I shall Immediately send to Onondaga, and thro' the Nations to Cause Strict Enquiry to be made into the Affair, as well as to Speak to the Indians in such a manner as may Check their Designs (if they have any such) in the Beginning, and hope to be Enabled to give Your Excellency some farther Accounts thereof, within a short time. altho' I cannot Avoid thinking from what I hear from all Quarters, that many of the nations will never be perfectly at Rest, without We Continue to Dispence some Favors amongst them, which they believe, the French if Once Introduced again in to the Country, would bountifully bestow on them, as they formerly have Done.—

I have the Honor to be, with the greatest Respect

Sir, &ca

Wm. Johnson

His Excellency Sir Jeffery Amherst.

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Copy/

New York, 16th June 1763.

Sir,

I am to Thank you for your Letter of the [illegible]th Instant, which I have this moment Received, with some Advices from Niagara, Concerning the motions of the Indians, that Way, they having Attacked a Detachment, under the Command of Lieut. Cuyler of Hopkins's Rangers who were on their Route towards the Détroit, and Obliged him to Return to Niagara, with (I am Sorry to Say) too few of his Men.—

Upon this Intelligence, I have thought it Necessary to Despatch Captain Dalyell, my Aid de Camp with Orders to Carry with him all such Reinforcements as can possibly be Collected, (having, at the Same time, a due Attention for the Safety of the Principal Forts) to Niagara, and to proceed to the Détroit, if Necessary, and Judged proper.—

I am persuaded I need not Say any thing to you, on this Occasion, to Use your utmost Influence with the Several Tribes of Indians, to Shew them the Folly & Madness, as well as the Ingratitude of such Proceedings, which, altho' they may Create some Trouble to Us, at present, from the Small Num=

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-ber of Troops there are here, & may be Attended with Fatal Consequences; by the Deaths of our Unhappy Country men, who may Fall into their Hands, must, in the End, bring Certain & In-evitable Ruin on the Whole Race of the Indians, that are so Rash as to be Concerned, & Per-severe in this Perfidious Behavior.

I am with great Regard,

Sir, &ca

Jeff. Amherst.

Sir Wm Johnson Bart.

Endorsed. Copy/ Letter from Sir Jeffery/ Amherst to Sir Wm Johnson/ Dated New York, 16th June 1763/ Ac-knowledging the Rect of/ Sir Wm's of the 6th June; and Acquaints him of Lieut/ Cuyler's Defeat, which had/ Determined the General to Send/ all the Force he could Collect/ to Niagara, &ca. – Desires/ Sir William will Use his utmost/ Influence with the Indians Below/ to Shew them the Folly & Madness/ as well as Ingratitude, of such/ Proceedings, &ca./ in Sr J. Amherst of June 27: 1763/ No. 19.

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Copy.

Albany 19th June 1763.

Sir,

Captain Dalyell will Inform Your Excellency that an Express is Just now Arrived; which brings an Account of the Arrival of a Schooner from Detroit, with the News of its having been Invested 36 Days, by 500 Indians, tho' my Account Says 1600; that the same has been bravely Defended with Small Loss, with other particulars.. I Have only time to Assure you that all Effectual Measures Shall be undertaken, & promoted by me, for the Protection of the Frontiers, for which purpose I have proposed & Strongly Recommended to Young Mr. Raenslaer, Lord of the Manor, to Exert himself in Raising some Men, & Heading them, to give Assistance to the Troops Your Excellency has Sent up.

I Expect a Return of my Messengers from the Six Nations, in a Couple of Days, when I shall be Acquainted with their Sentiments, who, I Believe, in General, will be pretty Easy, provided they are Satisfyed We have no Designs against them, and that We make them some Offers, which may Bind them more Firmly

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to our Interest.–

Mr Croghan assures me from the best Au-thority, that the Indians already Engaged, are the Ottawawaes, Chippawees, & Some Tribes of the Delawares: Should it, by their Success, become more General; I Can think at present, of No-thing more Effectual than that of Turning their Inveterate Enemys the Cherokees, Catabaws, &ca, against them, as well as any Others, who by our Bounty, & Good Treatment, may be In-duced to Engage in the Cause.– I Have given all Necessary Orders to the Militia, as well for their holding themselves in Readi-ness, as for the Obtaining some Volunteers to go to the Frontiers, and am hopefull the Measures I have taken may prove of some Ser-vice to the Publick.–

My Stay at present here, which is much a-gainst my Inclination, is on Account of a Law Suit on Behalf of the Mohawk's Lands, which has given great Uneasiness to them, & all the Six Nations, and therefore should not at present be Neglected.–

I Have the Honor to be, with the greatest Respect,

Sir, &c.

His Excellency
Sir Jeffery Amherst

Wm Johnson

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Copy/.

New York, 23.d June 1763.

Sir,

Last Night I had the Favor of your Letter of the 19th and, at the same time, Received One from Major Gladwin, of the 14th. May, at which time the Detroit was Invested by a Large Body of Indians, who had in their Usual manner, Inhumanely Butchered those of our People who had been so Unfortunate as to Fall into their Hands.

I Flatter Myself Major Gladwin will have been able to have Defended the Place untill the Reinforcement, which Major Wilkins Writes me he had Sent him, Arrives. The Base & Treacherous manner in which those Savages Murdered Sir Robert Davers, Lieut: Robertson, & all their Boats Crew, and afterwards came to Major Gladwin, as he Writes me, with a Pipe of Peace, Offering to Renew their Friendship; and on his Refusing to Receive any but their Chiefs, Immediately Commenced Hostilities, & Attacked the Fort, Surely Calls Aloud for the Severest Punishment that may be in our power to Inflict: I Cannot think that Major Gladwin Knew of the

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Above mentioned Murders having been Committed, when the Chief of the Ottawas (who Seems to be the Ringleader of this mischief) Came to Offer Friendship; for, if he Did, he Certainly ought to have put the Villain, and Every Indian then in the Fort, to Death: This, altho' but small Revenge for such unprovoked Barbarities, would have been Paying them back in the only way they Deserve; and I am persuaded, would have been Attended with better Consequences than We can Expect, from Treating with them.—

You are, without Doubt, the best judge of the Disposition of the Indians, and Consequently of the Methods most likely to Succeed in Engaging them them to Fall upon One Another: at present our Chief attention must be to Regain, as soon as possible, the Entire Command of the Country.—

My Faith in the Indians has always been so small, that this Behaviour of theirs does not Surprize me, altho I am Sorry they have been able to put their Schemes so far in Execution, owing to the Thinness of our Garrisons; I am well Persuaded that our Security must alway Depend on our own Superiority, &

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not to their Friendship or generosity.—

I Have ordered Captain Winepress to proceed with his Company to Oswego; And I am Sure you will Leave Nothing Undone in your Department, for Keeping the Indians below Quiet, as well as for Procuring all the Assistance in your Power from the Militia, &ca. for the Protection of the Posts on the Communication.—

I am, with great Regard,

Sir, | &ca.

Jeff: Amherst.

Sir Wm. Johnson, Bart.

Endorsed: Copy; Letter from Sir Jeffery | Amherst to Sir Wm. Johnson. | Dated New York, 22d. June 1763. | In Answer to his of the 17th June. | That Sir William was certainly the | best Judge of the Disposition of the Indians, | & the Methods most Likely to Succeed | in Engaging them to Fall upon one | Another; but that at present, our Chief | Attention must be to Regain, as soon as possible, the Entire Command of the | Country.— Mentions, with great | Concern, the Barbarities the Savages | had Committed at the Detroit, which | Called aloud for the Severest Punishment | that is in our power to Inflict, &ca. | in Sr. J. Amherst's of June 27: 1763. | No. 21.

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Copy 1.

New York, 12th June 1763.

Dear Sir,

The Indians, to the Southward, have Lately Committed some Murders near Fort Pitt, & Seem to be Stirring up Mischief, and Trying to Seduce as many of the Nations as they can, to Joyn with them in their Wild & Treacherous Schemes. _ I Think proper to Acquaint You of this that you may take your Precautions, in Case any Messages should be sent to the Indians in your Government, who, I am in hopes, will not be so Foolish to Quit the Enjoyments they now Possess, to Involve themselves with a Giddy Tribe, in Projects that will Recoil heavy on their Heads, and Should they Persevere in them, it must End in their Total Ruin, and Extirpation. _

I am,

Dear Sir,

&c a S.

Jeff: Amherst.

N. B. The Foregoing Letter.
To the Governors of Montreal,
Trois Rivieres
& Quebec.

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Copy/.

New York, 17th June 1763.

Sir,

On Receiving some Intelligence of the Motions of the Indians to the Westward, I have Judged it highly Necessary to Detain the Provincials, notwithstanding the Orders I had formerly Sent for their Returning home, on the 1st July, that I may be the better Enabled to Spare some Reinforcements of the Number of Regulars from the Several Posts, to Push forwards, for the Protection of the Upper Country.

I Have therefore Sent Positive Orders to the Officer Commanding the New Jersey Troops to Continue with his Men, untill further Orders; and have Assured him, that, on their Remaining & Doing their Duty, Application should be made to the Province, to make Provision for them accordingly: The Necessity of this Measure, on so Critical an Occasion, will, I am Convinced, appear so Evident, that I need not Use any Arguments to Induce you to Apply to your Council & Assembly, for a Continuation of the Pay to the Officers & men that do Remain, and for Bestowing on them such Other Re-

New York.
Connecticutt.
Rhode Island.
New hampshire.

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Copy.

New York, 2d. June 1763

Sir,

You no doubt will have heard of the Perfidious Behaviour of the Indians in the upper Country, and of their having not only Murdered some of the Traders, but Even Invested the Post at the Detroit, & Fort Pitt; altho' I Trust and firmly Rely, they can make no Impression on Either of those Posts. Immediately on the first Intelligence of their Bad Designs, I took the Necessary Steps for Collecting together all the Small Force of Regulars at this place, that I might be Ready to push them forward for the protection of the upper Posts; And Since I have Learnt that the Savages Seem Determined to follow their Blow, I have Ordered Every Man I could Collect, Either to Fort Pitt, or Niagara; and I Trust they will Arrive in time to Check the Depredations of those Perfidious Barbarians; but I think it Necessary to give you this Notice, as the Indians in General Seem to be Concerned, more or Less, in the Plot, that you may make such Application as you

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may Judge best to your Council & Assembly, for Raising with the Utmost Dispatch, Such a Body of Men as may be Sufficient for protecting the Frontiers of your own Colony.

I am, with great Regard,

Sir, &ca.

Jeff. Amherst.

N.B. The Foregoing Letter to the Governors of Maryland, & Virginia.

Endorsed. Copy/ Letter from Sir Jeffery/ Amherst to the Governors/ of Maryland/ & Virginia, Dated New York, 20th June 1763/ Acquainting them of the Hostilities/ of the Indians; of the Steps taking/ for Reducing them; but that he thought/ it Ne=cessary the Governors of those; Colonies should Apply to their/ Assemblys to Raise some men for/ the Immediate Protection of their/own Fron=tiers./ in Sr J. Amherst's of June 27: 1763/ No. 24.

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Copy.

New York, 12th June 1763.

Sir

On the Intelligence Received from Colonel Bouquet, of the Bad Intentions of the Indians, I have thought it Necessary to Send two Companys under the Command of Major Campbell towards Philadelphia, that the Colonel may Employ them as he may judge best, on the Communication: It is particularly Inconvenient at this time when I am in hourly Expectation of Receiving Directions from home, for the General Arrangement of the Troops in this Country; but I could not hesitate a moment in Sending what Assistance I can Spare, when the Inhabitants seem to be in Danger from the Attempts of the Savages.

Colonel Bouquet Acquaints me that you Intend to apply to your Council for some Men to Send to the Support of the Garrison of Fort Augusta; and I Flatter myself your Application will be Attended with Success: Surely if the Province have the least Regard for their Fellow Subjects, they will Chearfully Send their Assistance at a time, when there ap-

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=pears to be Real Danger, from a Sett of Sav=
=ages, who shew no Mercy in their Depredations.—

I am, with great Regard,

Sir, &ca.

Jeff: Amherst.

Honble. Lt. Governor Hamilton.

Endorsed. Copy of Letter from Sir Jeffery/ Amherst to Governor Hamilton/ Dated New York, 12th June 1763/ Acquainting the Governor of the/ Measures taking for Reducing the/ Indians, who had Commenced Hostilities/ near Fort Pitt; and Re=
=presenting the/ Necessity of the Province of Pensylvania/ Exerting themselves upon this/ Oc=
=casion &ca. —/ in Sr. J. Amherst's of June 27: 1763/ No. 25.

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Copy 1.

Philadelphia, 16th June 1763.

Sir,

I am Honored with Your Excellency's Letter of the 12th Instant, and am Extremely Sensible of your Attention to the publick good, in your having been pleased to Send what Force you could Spare, to the Assistance of the back Inhabitants, who are in the greatest Distress from their Apprehensions of being Murdered by the Savages.

Having, on the 10th Instant, received Advices from the Commanding Officer at Fort Augusta, that the Indians who lived in that Neighborhood had left their Habitations and gone off; and that two of them, more friendly than the Rest, had very plainly Intimated to him, that the Fort would be Attacked in a Short time by Indians, and therefore Warned him to be on his Guard, I lost no time in Calling together the Council & Provincial Commissioners, the last of whom have, in Conjunction with me, the power of Disposing of the Small Remainder of the publick Monies We last Raised, and proposed to them the Rein-

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-forcing Fort Augusta with Ninety Additional men, to the Thirty already Doing Duty there; and having Obtained their Consent, I Imme-diately Dispatched Commissions and Money for Raising them, which I Doubt not will soon be Effected.— If this Reinforcement shall Arrive Safe in the Fort, with the Convoy of Provis-ions and Ammunition &c.a now preparing to be Sent thither, I am in hopes that place will have Nothing to fear hereafter from Indians.—

By the Accounts transmitted to me from Several parts, it is very Clear that the In-dians are Soured, Disgusted, and in Motion & Cabal Every Where, and have Warned the Inhabitants to quit their Settlements, altho' on Lands long since fairly purchased from them; some in Resentment, Others from apparent Motives of Friendship: Yet I Cannot Learn with Certainty that any Murders have been Committed on this Side the Allegany Hill; But the very Apprehension is Attended with almost the Same Bad Effect with Respect to the Unpeopling the Frontiers as if Hosti-lities Had Actually been Committed by them; the people Every where Retiring and Quitt-

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-ing their New Habitations.—

This Desertion I am Endeavouring to put a Stop to by proposing to the Com=missioners to hire a Small Guard for the Defence of that part of Our Frontiers which has no Garrison, and believe I shall Suc=ceed therein. But as the money we are possessed of Cannot last long, I pre=sume, unless those Bad Appearances shall soon Vanish, I shall be under the Necess=ity of Calling the Assembly, in Order to propose to them a further Supply, 'tho' but with little hopes of bringing the thing to Effect, Seeing they Obstinate=ly Refused to Alter in the Smallest Respect their Old Mode of Raising money, altho' His Majesty in some Late Letters I received from Lord Egremont, and laid before them, has been pleased to Disapprove of their Method and to Censure their Conduct in a very Severe Manner which Lays an Absolute Restriction on me with Respect to my Conduct on such Occasions.—

I have the Honor to be with the greatest Respect, Sir, &ca.

James Hamilton.

His Excellency Sir Jeffery Amherst.

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Copy/

New York, 19th June 1763.-

Sir,

I am to own the Favor of your Letter of the 16th Instant, and am glad to find the Commissioners had agreed with you to Apply the Remainder of the publick Money Raised last Year, for Levying, without Delay, a Reinforcement of Ninety Men, for the Relief of the Garrison of Fort Augusta; I hope this Reinforcement will Arrive in time for the Protection of that Garrison.-

I am taking Every Measure in my power to Assemble all the Force I Can, so as to be prepared for the Worst that Can happen; The Motions of the Savages seem to be more General than I had at first Imagined: What has Stirred them up to this, I know not; unless it has been Owing to a War Belt which was Sent Some time ago, from the French to the Southward, and is Supposed to have been Laying with the Miamis Ever Since.-

The Alarm of the Back Settlers is but too Natural on Such Occasions; but I should hope your Assembly would, without hesitation, readily Enable you, to Raise Men for the pro=

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-tection of their Own people; & therefore the Soon-
-er you Convene them the better: 'tho' You are
no Doubt the best Judge of what can be Ex-
-pected from them.--

I Write to Colonel Bouquet, that he may
advise you, from time to time, of Every thing
Extraordinary that may happen; and I Flatter
Myself Every thing will soon be put again
on a proper Footing.--

I am, with great Regard

Sir &ca.

Jeff: Amherst.

Honorable Governor Hamilton--

Endorsed. Copy/ Letter from Sir Jeffery / Amherst to Governor Hamilton; Dated New York, 19th June, 1763/ in Answer to the Gov's of the 16th June./ That he should hope the assembly / of Pensylvania would, without / hesitation, readily Enable the Governor/ to Raise men for the Protection of / their own People; and therefore the / Sooner he convened them the better, / &ca.-- / in Sr J Amherst's of June 27. 1763

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Copy

Fort George, June 18th 1763.

Sir

Having laid before His Majesty's Council your Letter of Yesterday - they have Advised me to Send Orders to the Officer Commanding the New York Troops, to Continue in Service untill further Orders; and that it should be Recom=mended to the General Assembly at their next Meeting to provide for their Addi=tional pay, and to make them Such further Allowance as their Services shall Merit.

I have the Honor to be, with much Esteem,

Sir,

Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant
Robt. Monckton

P.S. If Sir, you should have any better Conveyance than the Post I will beg Leave to trouble you with the Letter Containing the Orders.

His Excellency Sir Jeffery Amherst.

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Copy 1.

New York, 18th June 1763.

Sir,

I Have Just now the Favor of Your Letter of this Days Date, and am very much Obliged to you for the Quick Dispatch you have Used in Laying Mine of Yesterday before your Council; and it gives me pleasure to find they have so readily Complied with my Request, in Advising you to Send Orders to the Officer Commanding the New York Troops, to Continue in the Service untill further Orders; and that it should be Recommended to the General Assembly, at their next Meeting, to provide for the Men, &ca.

If you please to Send the Orders for the Officer to me, I shall take Care to forward them, in Such a Manner, as to Ensure their Delivery.

I am, with great Truth & Esteem,

Sir,

&ca.

Jeff: Amherst.

His Excellency
Honble Governor Monckton.

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Perth Amboy, 18th June 1763.

Sir,

I Have received your Favor of the 17th Instant.

I am fully of your Opinion with regard to the Necessity of Continuing the New Jersey Troops in the Service on this Critical Occasion, and have no Doubt but that the Council and Assembly of this Province will Join in the Same Sentiments.—

There is already Provision made for their Support till November next, and if you should find a Longer time Necessary, I shall, upon being Acquainted therewith, Immediately Summon the Assembly for that purpose. A Month or Six Weeks notice before the Expiration of the Above time will be Sufficient.—

I have Directed Capt: Johnson, who is the Captain of the New Jersey Company, to Wait on you for your Orders, whether to Join his Corps or not.

I am, with great Regard,

Sir, &c.

Wm Franklin.

His Excellency General Amherst.

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Copy/.   New York, 19th June 1763.

Sir,

Captain Johnson has this Moment Delivered me the Favor of your Letter of Yesterdays Date; & I Lose no time in Ordering him back to the Jerseys, as he tells me he is in hopes of getting a Sufficient Number of Recruits to Compleat his Company: I However Direct him not to Wait long for them, but to proceed with such as he Can procure, to Joyn his Company, at Niagara, or wherever they may be.

It gives me great pleasure to Find the Province of New Jersey so Judiciously Provided for the Men 'till November next; and that you so Readily Joyn with me in thinking that the Detention of the Provincials, at this Critical Occasion, is Absolutely Necessary: You may be Assured I shall not keep them a Moment Longer than their Services are Wanted; and I Flatter myself I shall be Enabled to Send them home long before the Expiration of the time, for which provision is already made for them.

I am, with great Regard,

Sir, &ca.

His Excellency   Jeff: Amherst.

Governor Franklin.

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Copy.

Norwalk, 24th June 1763 –

Sir,

Last Evening I was Favored with your Letter of the 17th Acquainting me you found it Necessary to give possitive Orders to the Officer Commanding the Connecticutt Troops to Continue with his Men 'till further Orders; assuring him, that, on their Remaining and Doing their Duty, Application should be made to the Colony to make provision for them accordingly. – On this Head I Imagine there will Arise no Difficulty, as the Government have always made it a Rule, to pay their Troops for the Whole time they have been Necessarily Detained in Service, altho' it has happened to Exceed the time they Engaged for; but as both Officers & Men had an Assurance of a Discharge by the 1st July, at which time their Engagements Expire, I Fear such an unexpected Disappointment, will Excite considerable uneasiness among them, Especially as they will be apt to View it as an Infraction

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made of the publick Faith, and to Con-
=sider themselves as not further holden by
their Contracts, which were understood, if
not Expressed, to be Limitted to the 1st July:
I hope nevertheless they will use so much
Consideration, as on this Critical Occasion,
to See the Necessity of the Measures you
have taken; and I have the more Reason
to Expect this, as the Connecticutt Officers
and Men are Generally Disposed to good
Order; but then I must beg Leave to Re=
=quest you to Release them as Soon as
the Kings Service will possibly Admit of
it, least by an Endeavor to Continue
them for any long time, they should
be tempted to Come off in a Disorder=
=ly manner, which I shall be Extreme=
=ly Sorry to hear of

I have the Satisfaction to Acquaint
you, that Immediately after receiving your
Letter, accompanying the Earl of Egremont's,
respecting the Connecticutt People's attempts
to Settle the Lands on the Susquehan=
=nah River, I Informed the Principal
men among them of the Orders I had
received, Desiring them to put a Stop

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to those Attempts, which they accordingly Did and Soon after the Company had a Meet=ing, and Chearfully Obeyed His Majesty's Orders, and agreed to Lay aside all furth=er Attempts towards Settling those Lands, 'till the King's pleasure be further known: Soon after this Deputys of the Six Nations Came to Hartford, with a Message to me on that Subject, in Answer to which I Explained the Matter to them, and Acquainted them what had been Done with which they Manifested Entire Satis=faction and Departed well pleased, and as I was Informed perfectly Easy, and very Friendly, & Especially to to those who had made Claim to those Lands: therefore Conclude all Cause of Un=easiness or Complaints of that kind are Entirely Removed, which I think is a very happy Circumstance, at this time, when Disturbances arise from the more Southern or Western Nations.–

I am, with very great Regard,

Sir, &ca.

Thos. Fitch

His Excellency Sir Jeffery Amherst.

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Copy 1.

New York, 26th June 1763.

Sir,

I Had last Night the Favor of your Letter of the 24th Instant; And am glad to Find the Government of Connecticutt will, upon this Occasion, as on all Others, Pay their Troops for the Whole time they may be Necessarily Detained in the Service, altho' it happens to Exceed the time they Engaged for: When I Fixed the 1st July, as the Day for Sending them Home, I Could not Foresee the Unexpected Exigency that has Required their Continuance beyond that time; But you may be Assured, I shall not Detain them a Day longer than is Absolutely Necessary for the Security of the Posts, & Consequently for the protection of the Country in General. –

That part of your Letter regarding the Steps taken by you, on Receipt of the Earl of Egremont's Letter Containing His Majesty's Commands Relative to the Lands on the Susquehannah River, and the Consequences thereof, gives me great Pleasure, as I Flatter myself there will be

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an End to all Disputes of that kind for the Future; and that no Company whatever will presume to Settle on any Lands, without a proper Authority from His Majesty.

I am, with great Regard,

Sir, &ca.

The Honble.
Governor Fitch

Jeff: Amherst.

Endorsed. Copy/ Letter from Sir Jeffery/ Amherst to Governor Fitch./ Dated New York, 26th June 1763./ In answer to the Govr. of the 24th June./ That he was glad the Colony of/ Connecticutt, upon this Occasion would/ Provide for their Troops for the time they/ might be necessarily Detained beyond/ that for which they were Engaged/ And that he was particularly Pleased to/ Learn that on the Recd. of the Earl of/ Egremont's Letter respecting the Lands on/ the Susquehannah, the People who had/ Pretended a Right to those Lands, had/ in Obedience to His Majesty's Commands,/ Desisted from all Attempts of that Kind,/ untill the King's Pleasure was further/ Known, &ca./ in Sr. J. Amherst's of June. 27. 1763/ No. 33.

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Copy. Charles Town, So. Carolina May 31st 1763.

Sir,

Yesterday I Was Honoured with your Letter of the 4th May, & with several Dispatches from England; In Consequence of Lord Egremonts' Letter, and to Save all the time I could, I have proposed the 15th of September as the day for the Meeting of the Respective Governors at Augusta; the Presents not being Arrived, and the Chactaws being at least Seven Hundred Miles distance from Augusta, Induces me not to Fix an Earlier; but both time & place are to me Equally Indifferent. _ I Agree with you entirely in thinking that the Hopes to be given the Indians, that such Forts as give them Umbrage may be Demolished, is a Matter to be very Delicately Handled, and as such I shall Attend to it; I Must not Omit Desiring you to Order the Commissary, the Contractors I should Say, to Issue Provisions to such Indians as may Assemble at Augusta, for otherwise I am Sure Several of the Provinces concerned, will not bear that Expence, and the King's Intentions will be Defeated.

I Have the Honor to be, | Sir, &ca.

Sir Jeffery Amherst. Tho: Boone

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Copy/

New York, 15th June 1763.

Sir,

I am to Own the Favor of your Letter of the 31st May, which came to hand three days ago.—

I Doubt not but the Place You have Proposed for holding the Meeting with the Indians will prove agreable to the Other Governors: I Could have Wished the time could have been Fixed sooner, but as the Presents are not Arrived, and the Distance is so great, it may be more prudent to put off the Meeting to that Late Date, for fear of any Disappointment happening.—

I Have Acquainted the Secretary of State with my Sentiments concerning the Demolition of the Forts which may give Umbrage to the Indians; And I am now the more Confirmed in my opinion from your Joyning with me: You & the Other Gentlemen, will be the best Judges, on the Spot, how to Treat this Matter, according to the Humour You may Find the Indians in; And I Have no Doubt but your Proceedings therein will meet with the King's

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Approbation.—

The Wastefull manner in which the Indians have formerly been Fed, and the Vast Expence Created thereby to the Crown, made me put them on the same Footing with the Other Troops; and in the Campaign 1760, when I had upwards of Thirteen Hundred of them at Oswego, they were Allowed the Common Rations, with which they were very well Satisfyed: It is only Observing a proper Regularity in the Issuing, for, were the Indians to Take just what they Please, they would Waste much more than they could Use.—

I Should Imagine that the Cheapest way to Supply the Indians, at the Ensuing Meeting, will be, for Mr. Stuart, to Provide Live Cattle & Flour, Allowing One pound of Beef, & a Pound of Flour Baked into Bread, to Each Person, p diem, that being the usual portion: He will be the best Judge,- from the answers he Receives to the Messages he has sent, what Number of Cattle, & Quantity of Flour will be Requisite for this Service: There may be some Individuals, among the Indians, who may Object to the Above Portions, but if they are Issued in Lump, at the Above Rate, for the Indians

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to Divide among themselves, I am persuas=
=ed there will be no Grumbling: If this
Scheme should Appear to be the Cheap=
=est, You will Please to Direct Mr.
Stuart to Set about Providing the
Cattle & Flour, and the Expence there=
=of shall be Allowed in the Accompts
of his Department, he taking Care
to Produce the Necessary Vouchers, &
keeping a Distinct Accompt of the
Whole.—

But, in Case this should not
Appear to You the best Method, I
Enclose you an Order to the Con=
=tractors Agent which you will only
make Use of as you shall See
Occasion, to Furnish the Necessary
Supplys, according to the Orders they
may Receive from You, for that
Purpose.—

I am, with great Regard,
Sir, &ca.
Jeff: Amherst.

His Excellency Governor Boone.—

P.S. I Leave the Letter for Mr. Stuart,
under Flying Seal, for your Perusal.—

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Copy 1.

Charles Town, 31st May 1763.

Sir,

I Had the Honor of Receiving your Excellency's Letter of 15th March. I Think my-self Extremely happy in having Acquired Governor Boone's Protection, and Interest, by which means I Obtained the Honor of being Recommended by Your Excellency. I Shall Endeavor to Merit a Continuance of your Patronage, and his Friendship, in which I am persuaded I cannot so well Succeed, as by Strictly Attending to the Good of His Majesty's Service, in Discharging the Duties of my Office. — I Beg Leave to Return your Excellency my humble thanks, for so readily Granting a Warrant on Mr. Mortier, for a Year's Salary, from 5th January 1762, to 4th January 1763, Inclusive: I shall pay particular Attention to Your Excellency's Desire of Avoiding as much as possible all Unnecessary Expences in making Presents to the Indians. —

I Shall, agreable to Your Excellency's Commands, Use my utmost Endeavors to prevent Frauds in the Trade with the Savages; but I cannot Say that my Hopes of

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Success are very Sanguine, as there is no Law Existing which gives me any Jurisdiction over the Traders, or Authorizing me to take any Measures, by which so desireable an End, as good Order amongst them, may be Obtained: That Paragraph in your Excellency's Letter, which gives Hopes, that the Establishment of Trade with the Indians, on a Solid Basis, will take place among other Regulations, now under Consideration at Home, for the Settlement of Affairs in America, gives me great Pleasure.—

I am now to Acknowledge the Honor of your Excellency's Letter of 4th May, Accompanying one of 16th March, from the Earl of Egremont, One of His Majesty's Principal Secretarys of State, Containing His Majesty's Commands, that I, in Concert with the Governors of Virginia, the two Carolinas and Georgia, Do Immediately Summon a Meeting of the Several Nations of Indians in this District, at Augusta in Georgia, or any Other Place Equally convenient for the Several Parties; and Endeavor to Clear up & Remove any Misapprehension or Jealousy, which they may have Conceived of His Majesty's Just

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and Gracious Intentions towards them, by In=
=forming them in the most prudent Delicate
manner, of the Change that is going to take
place and by a fair and Candid Explanation
of the Treaty of Peace Concluded with the French
& Spaniards. In Obedience to which I have Wrote
to the Governors of Virginia, No Carolina &
Georgia, & Applied to the Governor of this
Province to know their Determination, respect=
=ing the time & Place of Meeting, that I
may, pursuant to His Majesty's Pleasure, Write
to the Warriors and Headmen of the Re=
=spective Nations of Indians in my District,
without Loss of time.–

I Have the Honor of being most Respectfully,

Sir, &ca.

John Stuart.

His Excellency Sir Jeffery Amherst, &ca. &ca. &ca.

Endorsed. Copy/. Letter from John Stuart Esqr./ Agent for Indian Affairs in the / Southern District, to Sir Jeffery/ Amherst/ Dated Charles Town, 31st May 1763/ Ac=knowledging the Rect. of the / Earl of Egremont's, & the General's / Letters, regarding the Meeting to be / Held with the Indians; and of the / Steps he was taking to bring it About/ &ca. / in Sr. J. Amherst of June 27 1763 / No. 36.

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Copy 7.

New York, 15th June 1763.

Sir,

A Few days ago, I Received your Letter of the 31st May, wherein you acquaint me, that you had Wrote to the Several Governors to Know their Determination respecting the time & place of Meeting with the Indians, that you might, pursuant to His Majesty's Pleasure, Write to the Warriors and Head=men of the Respective Nations of Indians in your District.

Governor Boone acquaints me, that he has Proposed the 15th of September, as the Day for the Meeting, & to be Held at Augusta: I Have Wrote to the Governor, concerning the Provisions that will be necessary for the Indians, and he will acquaint you with my Sentiments on that Matter.—

The Indians near Fort Pitt, & to the Westward, have lately Discovered some bad Intentions towards Us, and have even gone so far as to Murder a Family near Fort Pitt: It is not as yet Known, who are the Principal Promoters of this Mischief, tho', in general, it would seem as if the Senecas

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& Shawnese, have been at the Bottom of it; and, in a Message Sent to Fort Pitt by some of the Chiefs of the Delawares, they accuse the Ottawas and Chepawas, as the Nations that have now, according to their Language, taken up the Hatchet against the English: I Imagine the Affair will Drop, after some Outrages which they may Commit against the Defenceless Inhabitants, before Assistance can be sent to them: but I Think proper to Acquaint you of it, that You may take the Necessary Measures for preventing any of the Nations to the Southward, from Hearkening to any Messages that may be sent from those Misguided Tribes, who have thus Rashly & Ungratefully fallen upon their Benefactors; and whose Bad Behavior, if they persist in it, must bring Inevitable Destruction on their own Heads.—

I am,

Sir,

&ca.

Jeff. Amherst

John Stuart Esqr. Agent for Indian Affairs in the Southern District.—

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New York 23d July 1763.

My Lord

On the 17th instant the Pitt Packet arrived here when I had the honour of receiving your Lordships' Letter of 26th March, and two of the 21st May, with a Dupli-cate of the 12th and a Duplicate & Separ-ate of the 16th March, the Originals of which I received on the 4th May, and ac-knowledged the same to your Lordship on the 14th of the same month by the Halifax Packet.

I have given in publick orders the Proclamation of Peace, and as far as the present State of this Country will per-mit me, I shall pursue the disbanding and reducing the Corps, as likewise send-ing away those that are destined for Europe, with all the Expedition in my power, so soon as Circumstances will ad-mit of it.

I have sent to Newfoundland and Louis-burg, that Boscawen's Regiment may be im-mediately reduced to the new Establish-ment and that the three Companys of that Regiment at St. John's may be divided

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between that Fort and Placentia, and that the Company of Royal Artillery at Placen-tia may be also divided between those Places, by which I bring the Company of the 40th Regiment now at Placentia to Halifax, where I intend to send that Corps when they arrive from the Havana.

I shall take care to prepare as many Transports as will be necessary; there are five here, and with what will bring the Troops from the Havana, I Imagine there will be a sufficiency for taking the re-mains of the Regiments destined for Europe.

According to Your Lordship's directions I shall make known to the Officers and Soldiers, as they are reduced, His Majesty's gracious permission, for their remaining in North America, in order to avail them-selves of such future Settlements as may be hereafter granted, and in the mean time if they chuse it, to take up any Lands the Governours authorised to grant.

the moment I hear from Governour Keppel the Orders he may have given to the Officer comanding the Troops sent to the Mississippi, and to the Officer comanding

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the Troops sent to Florida, I shall then send the Letters, your Lordship has been pleased to transmit to me, to the said comanding Officers, and I shall take every Step, I judge the most conducive, to the Good of His Majestys' Ser=vice in those Parts: the Orders the officer, comanding the Regiments destined for the Mississippi, may have received for taking post there, will also determine me, what Detach=ments will be necessary and expedient to be sent to the upper Parts of that River.

The present Disturbed State of the back Settlements, by the depredations committed by the Indians, does not admit of putting the orders for the disbanding and reducing the Troops into immediate Execution, and I have thought proper, not to make the least Alteration in the Troops in Canada but to have every thing there in its present State, 'till the Regiments arrive from the Havana.

My last Letter to your Lordship was of 27th June, by Major General Monckton, when I gave you an account of the Mis=chiefs committing by the Savages, who have continued to extend their Ravages on the

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Frontiers and have treacherously massacred an Officer (Lieut. Gordon) with a small Garrison at the Post of Venango, where they were received as Friends: the Blockhouse at Presqu' isle has also fallen into their hands, by their having perswaded the Officer (Ensign Chris=tie) with a Garrison of twenty four Men to capitulate with them, and they murder=ed him and the greatest part of his Gar=rison: Ensign Price who comanded at Le Bauff with thirteen men, was obliged to abandon his Post and retreated to Fort=Pitt, where he brought in seven of his Par=ty and left six in the Woods.

Although the Accounts from Venango and Presqu' isle are not from absolute authority, yet there is too much reason to believe they are true, and it is equally amazing that one Officer should permit such a Number of Indians to come in upon him as Friends, and put himself in their power, as that another should be so infatuated to capitu=late with them, or have the least Confi=dence in their Promises or Mercy: these three small Posts are between Fort Pitt and Lake Erie; the Savages have absurdly made

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a Shew of attacking Fort Pitt and some of the Posts below, but have not made any im=-pression on the smallest Post on that Communication.

Your Lordship will see by the Papers I do myself the honour to enclose to you, all that has passed regarding the Indian Affairs, and that it appears the six Nations (Senecas Excepted) will remain quiet.

The Province of Pennsilvania has on this occasion empowered the Governor to raise seven hundred men, but it is only with a view of getting in their Harvest, which entirely frustrates the publick good, that might be expected from such a number actually raised, whereas these in effect are only Farmers and Reapers which the Assembly mean by their Vote to arm to defend their own Fields.

As the remains of the 42.^d and 77.th are now well advanced on the Pittsburg Com=-munication and that Capt. Dalyell my Aid de Camp left Oswego on the 3.^d instant with about three hundred men to proceed to the Detroit, I hope soon to hear not only of the Indians being checked, but of their being

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subdued and chastized.

Captain Dalrymple, Comander of Fort Johnson in North Carolina, arrived here the day I was honoured with your Lordships Letter enclosing his Petition, and as he has desired a Court martial I have wrote to Governor Dobbs, that all Evidences may come here, that I may put an end to that Affair, agreeably to your Lordship's directions.

I have the honour to be with the utmost Respect

My Lord

Your Lordship's

Most Humble

and most Obedient Servant,

Jeffery Amherst.

Right Honorable
The Earl of Egremont.

Endorsed New York. July 23.d 1760.| Sir Jeff: Amherst/ R. Aug.t 24.th

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Schedule of Papers Referred to, in M. General Sir Jeffery Amherst's Letter to The Right Hon.ble The Earl of Egremont, Bearing Date, New York, 23.d July 1763.

No. 1 Copy / Sir Jeffery Amherst's Instructions to Major Gladwin of His Majesty's 80.th Reg.t of Foot; for Reducing the Indians on the Upper Lakes, &ca.... 2.d July 1763

No. 2 D.o ..... Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst to Colonel Bouquet; Containing further Directions for Forwarding the Troops Destined for Presqu' Isle, &ca; acquainting him that Major Gladwin was to have the Command of all the Reinforcements Intended for the Upper Lakes, &ca. .... 2.d July.

No. 3 D.o .... Letter from Colonel Bouquet to Sir Jeffery Amherst; acquainting the General of the Loss of Presqu' Isle, Le Boeuf & Venango; and of the Indians having Invested Fort Pitt; and Encloses Several Letters &ca. Containing the Particulars .... 3.d July.

No. 4 D.o ... Letter from Capt.: Ecuyer, Com-

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-manding officer at Fort Pitt to Co-
-lonel Bouquet; Containing an Ac-
-count of the Loss of Presqu' Isle;
and of the Indians having In-
-vested Fort Pitt (Enclosed in foregoing) -- 26th. June.

No. 5 Do. .... Speech & Messages between Capt.
Ecuyer & the Delawares; Enclosed
with, & Referred to, in the foregoing 24th. June.

No. 6 Do. .... Letter from Ensign Price, late
Commanding Officer at Le Boeuf,
to Colonel Bouquet; Giving an Ac-
-count of his Arrival at Fort
Pitt, with part of his Garrison,
having been Obliged to Abandon
Le Boeuf, on the Indians Sett-
-ing Fire to his Storehouses, &c.
(Enclosed in Col. Bouquet's of the
3d. July) .... 26th. June

No. 7. Copy/ -- Letter from Lieut: Blane, Com-
-manding Officer at Fort Ligonier
to Colonel Bouquet; Advising him
of the Indians having twice At-
-tackt the Post at Ligonier, and
often Repulsed, without any Loss
on the side of the Garrison, &c.
(Likewise Enclosed in Col. Bouquet's

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of the 3d July)........................25th June 1763.

No 8 Do...... Sir Jeffery Amherst's Answer to Col. Bouquet's of the 3d July: That the Loss of Presqu' Isle gave him great Concern, but made no Alteration in his Plan. And therefore Directs the Colonel to Push Forwards a Respectable Body of Troops thither, agreable to his former Orders; and that he had Sent Immediate Advice to Niagara, that if possible, Troops might be Sent from thence to Retake possession of Presqu' Isle &c. 7th July

No 9 Do..... Letter from Sir Wm Johnson to Sir Jeffery Amherst; Acquaints the General of his Intentions of holding a Conference with the Six Nations at the German Flatts, for which purpose he had Sent the Necessary Messages to Invite them; and that he should Want some Provisions for that Meeting &ca.................1st July

No 10 Do..... Sir Jeffery's Answer; Approves of the Meeting Sir Wm Intended

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to have with the Six Nations at the German Flatts: Acquaints him that he had Ordered Col. Bradstreet to Furnish him with what Provisions he might think Necessary for that Meeting, &ca; & Desires Sir Wm to Endeavor to Procure, & Send to Capt. Dalyell, three or Four good Trusty Indians, to be Employed by him, or Major Gladwin, in going with Intelligence between them & Colonel Bouquet, &ca. .... 4th July.

No. 11 Copy of Letter from Sir Wm Johnson to Sir Jeffery Amherst; Acquainting the General that he had Learnt from the Mohawks, who had the Intelligence from the Oneidas, that the Garrison of Venango had been Cutt off, &ca. - Sir William Desires to Know what Answer he should give to the Indians at the Intended Meeting Concerning some Points regarding their Trade at the Posts, &ca. .... 8th July 1763.

No. 12 Do. ..... Letter from Do. ... to Do. ... Con-

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-taining the Particulars of the Indians having Cutt off the Garrison of Venango, in their usual Treacherous Way, which Sir Wm. had Learnt from a Con=-ajohare Chief (one of the Mes=-sengers he had Sent to Invite the Six Nations to the Intended Meeting) who had the particulars from two Onondagas Returned from the Ohio: Sir Wm adds, that all the Six Nations Seem=-ed firm in our Interest, the Senecas Excepted, who were not only Engaged in the present Mischief, but had been Tam=-pering with the Rest to Joyn with the Disaffected; But that the Onondagas in particular had Rejected Every Proposal made to them by the Senecas, &ca; and had Declared their Resolutions of Living & Dying by the English, &ca. .... 11th July

No. 13 Do. .... Sir Jeffery's Answer to the two foregoing:- Reminds Sir William

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that Every Precaution for Carry=
=ing on the Trade at the Posts
had been already taken, a=
=greeable to the Regulations He
(Sir Wm.) had Fixed, when he went
to the Détroit in 1761; And that
when the Present Disturbances
are Quelled, the same Care
shall be taken to Prevent the
Traders from going with their
Goods but to Places where there
are Posts Established: Answers
the other Parts of Sir Wm's Let=
=ters; and particularly Men=
=tions, How much it is the
Interest of the Indians to Re=
=main Firm Friends to the
English, who alone could Help
them; And that he was fully
Determined to Punish, with the
utmost Severity those who had
been Guilty of the Late Bar=
=baritys &c.a. .... 16th. July 1763.

No. 14. Copy of Letter from Govr. Hamilton to Sir
Jeffery Amherst; Acquaints the Gen=
=eral that the Assembly of Pen=

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=sylvania had come to a Resolu=
=tion to Enable the Govr. to Raise
700 Men for the Protection of
the Frontier Inhabitants; and
that he should forthwith Apply
himself to the Raising of the
men &ca. .... 7th. July.

No. 15 Do. .. Sir Jeffery's Answer: That he
was Persuaded the Governor would
Lose no time in Raising the Men
Voted by the Assembly of Pen=
=sylvania; and that he Did
not Doubt but he would think
it Right to put them under
the Command of Col: Bouquet,
which would Enable the Co=
=lonel to push forward the
greater Number of Regulars
for Chastizement of the Sav=
=ages, &ca. .... 9th. July.

No. 16. Do... Letter from Govr. Hamilton to
Sir Jeffery Amherst: That he was
Using all the Dispatch in his
power for Raising the Men Voted
by the Assembly: Mentions the
Disposition he Intended to make

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of them; and that it was Expected Sir Jeffery would Order Provisions to be Furnished to them, as on former Occasions, recd. 11th July.

No. 17. Copy of Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst to Govr. Hamilton; Acknowledging the Rect. of the Govrs. of the 11th July; But Desiring, in the strongest Terms, that the Troops to be Raised by the Province of Pensylvania, might be Put under the Command of Col. Bouquet, otherwise the Raising of them could Answer no good End at present, and that such as were put under the Orders of Colonel Bouquet, or any of the King's Officers, should, of Course, be Supplyed with Provisions as Usual; But that he could never think of Ordering Provisions to Troops merely Provincial, & not Subject to the orders of the King's Officers. With this Letter the General Sent Lt. Col. Robertson,

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the Dep: Qr Mr Genl to Enforce
the Arguments Urged therein.. 16th July 1763.

No. 18. Do... Lt Colonel Robertsons Report on his Return from Philadelphia on the Above Service. By this Report it appears that the Govr absolutely Refused to Comply with the General's Request, Alledging that the Assembly meant only by the Vote to Arm the Farmers & Reapers, that they might Defend their own Fields; but that they could not be Called Soldiers &ca &ca &ca .... 23d July

No. 19. Do... Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst to Govr Graves of Newfoundland; Acquainting him of the Disposition of the Troops that are to Garrison the Several Posts in that Island. .... 21st July

No. 20 ...... List of the English Transports Remaining at New York .... 23d July 1763.

Endorsed. Schedule of Papers| Referred to in M. General| Sir Jeffery Amherst's Letter| to the Right Honble The Earl of Egremont, Bearing| Date New York, 23d July 1763

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Copy 1.

By His Excellency Sir Jeffery Amherst, &ca. &ca. &ca.

Instructions

To Major Gladwin of His Majesty's 80th Regt. of Foot.

Whereas I Have Judged it Necessary, from the Intelligence Received of the Bad Designs of the Indians, to Ordere Reinforcements to be Collected at Niagara, and to Proceed to the Détroit, under the Command of Captain Dalyell, who has my Orders, on his Arrival there, to put those Reinforcements under your Command._

You will therefore Dispose of them, as well as of the 42d & 77th Regiments, that are ordered to Presqu' Isle, in such a manner as You shall Judge best for Regaining the Entire Command of the Country, proceeding Yourself with such a Number as you shall think Right, to Retake any of the Posts that may have fallen into the Hands of the Indians; and Leaving Captain Campbell, or any other proper Officer for the Care of the Detroit, during your Absence.

Our Chief Attention must be to make Ourselves Entire Masters of the Lakes; And I Could Wish there was a Possibility of Building, with-

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=out Delay, two or three Vessells of a small Construction, such as You formerly mentioned to me, for going to Michillimakinac, Sandusky, or any of the Other Posts on Lake Erie, or the Upper Lakes: Captain Loring, who is gone to Niagara, will give the Necessary Directions, & Likewise Order all the Assistance in his power for Effecting this Service, which I Look upon to be very Essential, as without Vessells it would be Impracticable for Us to Keep up the Communication, in Case the Indians Broke out; and the great Use of our having the Sloop & Schooner at this time, appears very Evident; for the Distance would have Ren=dered it Difficult & Dangerous, Even if We had had a Sufficiency of Batteaus, to have Ventured to have Sent Small Reinforcements, without a Vessell to Cover them, and the Number at the Posts Does not Permit of Send=ing Large Ones.-

I Enclose you Extracts of my Letters to Colonel Bouquet, that You may Know what Force I have Ordered by the Way of Fort Pitt, to be ready in Case of Necessity, at Presqe' Isle; And You will likewise Observe that I have Ordered some Ship Wrights,

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who happened to be at Fort Pitt, to be For=
=warded Immediately to Presqu' Isle, for the
Building of some Craft for the Service of Lake
Erie; This being the Quickest Method I could
think of, for getting any Boats Built there._

The Post at Sandusky, which must have been taken by Surprize, is to be Retaken the first thing that is Done, and a proper Blockhouse Immediately Erected, to Contain Sixteen or Twenty men, which, with an Of=-ficer, are full Sufficient to Defend it against any Number of Indians, unless the Garrison is Surprized, which I Conclude will never happen again.

I Write now to Major Duncan & Ma=-jor Wilkins, as well as to Colonel Bou=-quet, Desiring that they may not, on any account Whatever, Permit a Trader to Pass their Respective Posts, untill the Savages are Entirely Reduced; for I Judge it of the utmost Consequence, that they should not have it in their Power to Seize any more Goods, &ca; than what have already unfortunately fallen into their Hands.

If You should Want any of the Ar=-tillery now at Niagara, Major Wilkins will

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Deliver them, with such of the Men of the Royal Artillery as he can Spare: There are Six Sixpounders, one Fourpounder & Two Swivels, Iron; But I Imagine they can be of no Service to You, unless You can Use them on Board the Vessells.—

As I Have had no late Intelligence from your Quarter, I Cannot Form any Idea of the Number of Indians that may be Concerned in the present Insurrection; tho' I should hope there are only those who were Headed by Pontiac, the Chief of the Ottawas, and of whose Treachery You had such Convincing Proofs: To put a Stop to such Perfidiousness hereafter, & to Punish the Guilty as they Deserve, It is my Positive Order, that should Pontiac, who is Undoubtedly the Ringleader of the Mischief; Any Other of the Indians Concerned in the Attack on your Post, or that were with the Party who Cutt off Lieut: Cuyler's Detachment: Or, in a Word, any of the Savages, who, it can be Proved, have been, or are found in Arms against Us, Fall into our Power, they are Immediately to be Put to Death; their Ex-

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-tirpation being the only Security for our Fu-
-ture Safety; and their Late Treacherous Proceed-
-ings Deserving no better Treatment from our
Hands: But such of the Nations as have, up-
-on this Occasion, Behaved Quietly & Peaceably,
are to be Treated as Friends, & in the Usual
manner. _

You, on the Spot, will be the best Judge
of the Measures to be Pursued for putting Every
thing again on a proper Footing at the Sever-
-al Posts, and for Establishing them in such
a Way, that it may not be in the power
of the Savages to Repeat their Attacks with
Success. _

I Have Wrote to General Gage to Forward
all the Provisions he can to Fort Wm Augustus; And
a Vessell is Ordered from Oswego to be Constant-
-ly Employed in Transporting Provisions from
the Former Place to Niagara; So that I am
Hopefull You will Receive Ample Supplys in due time.

Given, &ca. New York 2d July 1763.

P.S. Tho' in the foregoing Orders I mention the
Post of Sandusky to be Retaken the first thing
that is Done, I Would not have it take place
of any Other Services, that You may Judge should
be first Executed.

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Copy.

New York, 2^d July 1763.

Sir,

Since my last I have received nothing new, Either from your way or the albany communication, but I flatter myself I shall soon have good Accounts from the Upper Country. -

In the mean time, I make no Alteration in my former plan, of pushing forwards all the Troops that can be Spared, to presqu' Isle and Niagara: I Believe I Did not mention to you before, that I Do not Intend you Yourself should go farther than Fort Pitt, as I would have you Remain there, for forwarding all the Services that may be Required on the Communication, and to be in Readiness for going Down the River, agreable to what I formerly Acquainted you of, should I receive Directions from home for that purpose: I should be very glad that the Shipwrights, who are now at Fort Pitt, were Sent to Presqu' Isle, so soon as the Communication is Safe, that they may be Employed in Building some Craft for the Lake, for which purpose I have Wrote to

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Captain Loring & Major Gladwin, & they will Re=
=ceive their Orders from Capt: Loring. - This is a
very Essential Service, & therefore the Sooner the Ship=
=wrights can get to Presqu' Isle the better. -

Major Gladwin is to have the Command of
the Troops to be Employed in Retaking Possess=
=ion of any of the Upper Posts that may have
fallen into the Hands of the Indians, as well
as for Securing that part of the Country for
the future; for which I have Sent him the
Necessary Directions; and as I have Acquainted
him of the 42^d & 77th Regiments that are Or=
=dered by the way of Fort Pitt, and which
are likewise to be Included in the Reinforce=
=ment Intended for him, I would have you
Advance such part of them as you, from
the Advices you may Receive, shall Judge
Necessary, Directing Major Campbell, or the
Officer you Send with them, to proceed
to Presqu' Isle; and follow and Obey such
further Orders as he may Receive from
Major Gladwin. -

I am,

Sir, &ca.

Jeff: Amherst.

Colonel Bouquet.

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Copy.

Carlisle, 3^d July 1763.

Sir,

An Express from Fort Pitt brings this moment the Fatal Account of the Loss of our Posts at Presqu' Isle, Le Boeuf, & Venango: Your Excellency will See in the Enclosed Letters all the Particulars I have of this Unexpected Disaster.–

As the Destruction of the Important Post of Presqu' Isle, will Occasion some Alteration in your first Plan, I Beg you will Favor me with your Orders concerning the Troops you have Destined for this Department.–

By the Enclosed Return of the Provisions at Fort Pitt, that Post does not Stand so Immediately in need of a Relief, as to make Us Run great Risks to Force a Convoy up before the Provinces can give us some Assistance.–

I Doubt, if, on account of the Harvest, Pensylvania can have Troops Raised and Equipped in less than Six Weeks, or two Months, During which time they are Incapable of any Defence, for want of a Militia: The Savages must soon Disperse

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for want of Provisions, & their first Impetuosi=
=ty Cooled, they will be more Easily Dealt with.

I Shall however move forward as soon as I can Collect all the Horses & Carriages I Want; which is become more Difficult, by the Con=
=sternation and Flight of the Inhabitants.

I Have Required the Governor to Send them Arms, & Ammunition, and Proposed to him to Collect the People on this Fron=
=tier, in a few Well Stockaded Places, En=
=closing Mills as a Retreat for themselves, Families, and Provisions, to keep Possession of the Country, and in case the Enemy should Penetrate, Destroy all kinds of Eat=
=ables, which could not be Secured in those Strong Holds, and might Fall in the Hands of the Savages; But from the Nature of this Government I Suppose Nothing will be Done in time.

The Second Company of the 42d Regt. will be here the 5th. and I Expect the Re=
=mains of the two Corps, the 6th. or 7th.

I Have Collected all the Flour in the County, 100 Head of Cattle, 200 Sheep, and about 3000 Weight of Fine powder from the Indian Traders: I Expect the Waggons

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& Flour from Lancaster about the 8th. –

I Received your Letter of the 25th June, and shall Continue in the Service, the Men so timely Raised by Mr. Croghan, which this Province will, I Hope, take into their Pay. –

I Have the Honor to be, with great Respect,

Sir, &ca.,

Henry Bouquet.

His Excellency
Sir Jeffery Amherst.

Endorsed: Copy, Letter from Colonel | Bouquet to Sir Jeffery Amherst. | Dated Carlisle, Pensyla 3d July 1763 | Acquainting the General of the | Loss of Presqu' Isle, Le Boeuf, and | Venango; and of the Indians having | Invested Fort Pitt; and Encloses | Several Letters, &ca. Containing the | Particulars. | in Sr. J: Amherst's of July 23. 1763. | No. 3.

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Copy of a Letter from Captain Ecuyer, Com=manding Officer at Fort Pitt, to Colonel Bou=quet. Dated Fort Pitt, 26th June 1763.–

Sir,

Since my last Dated 18th nothing Remark=able happened here till the 22d in the After=noon, when the Savages appeared in the Clear Ground, Driving into the Woods part of our Horses, & Killing some Cows; After which they Attacked the Fort on Every Side, Ex=cept from beyond the Monongehela, but at a great Distance; I Had however a Man of the Militia Killed & Another Wounded– I soon Dispersed them with a Howitzer & two Cannon Shots, which certainly Did Execution; We Fired only Three Muskets up=on three Savages, & Killed One: The Night of the 23d they Strolled about the Fort to Reconnoitre Us, and after midnight, the Delawares Asked to Speak to Mr. Mc Kee: You will Find Enclosed what passed be=tween Us.–

The Garrison Consists of

330 Men, Officers & all Included.

104 Women.

106 Children.

In all 540. Of which about 420 Receive the King's Provisions.

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Ensign Price Arrived this morning from Le Boeuf, & Writes to You.

I am, Sir, &ca.

Colonel Bouquet. S. Ecuyer.

P.S. Benjamin Grey, Soldier in Captain Cochran's Compy. Declares, that he Left Presqu' Isle the 22d and that on Monday the 19th in the Morning, that Post was Attacked by 250 Indians: They Defended themselves that Day & the next; The third Day Ensign Christie Capitulated; They were to Escort him to this Place, with Six Days provisions; but after Pillaging the Blockhouse, they Massacred all our People, Grey & two Others Excepted, who Fled to the Woods: He adds, that the Indians were of Four Different Nations, Viz. Ottawas, Chipawas, Wiandots, & Senecas: He Saw the Schooner going to Detroit: He Passed by Le Boeuf & Venango, & found them Both Destroyed

S. E.

Colonel Bouquet.

Endorsed Copy/ Letter from Captain/ Ecuyer, Commanding Officer at/ Fort Pitt to Colonel Bouquet,/ Containing an Account of the/ Loss of Presqu' Isle; and of the/ Indians having Invested Fort Pitt/ Dated Fort Pitt 26th June 1763./ Enclosed in Colonel Bouquet's/ Letter to Sir Jeffery Amherst, of the/ 3d July 1763/ in Sr. J. Amherst's of July 23: 1763/ No. 4.

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Copy 7.

Fort Pitt, June the 24th 1763.

The Turtle's Heart, a Principal Warrior of the Delawares, with Maumautee a Chief, Came within a Small Distance of the Fort, at 9 O'-Clock this Morning, & Delivered the following Speech. –

Brother, the Commanding Officer.

Having Observed a great Number of Indians now Round you, we are Come to Speak with you: Then, Brother, you must know that all your Forts & Strong places, from this Backwards, are Burnt & Cutt off, this is now the only One you have Left in Our Country: Therefore, as We have a Regard for you, We are Come to Acquaint you with it, that We have prevailed with Six Different Nations of Indians, that are now Ready to Attack you, to forbear 'till We Came & Warned you to go home; and they have further Agreed with Us, not to Molest you, but permit you & your People to pass Safe to the Inhabitants; therefore, Brother, We Desire you may Sett off tomorrow, as there is Every Day great Numbers of Indians Coming here, We Request you will Lose no time.

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for We shall not be Able to Do any thing with them after two Days for you: Your Fort Fifty miles Down is likewise Destroyed before this (meaning Ligonier)

The Commanding Officer Sent the following Answer.

The Commanding Officer of Fort Pitt thanks his Brothers the Delawares for their Information, tho' he Can't give Credit to it all; but in Answer to their proposal of his Abandoning this Post, Desires Mr. Mc. Kee to Inform them, that this Post is Sufficiently Provided and Supplyed with Men, Arms, Ammunition & Provisions to Defend it against all Nations of Indians that Dare appear before it, and is Resolved to keep it while a White Man lives within it: He further thinks proper to Inform his Brothers the Delawares, that he thinks himself under an Obligation to Acquaint them, that he has Received an Account from the Commander in Chief, of Three Armies being on their March, Viz^t. One of 6000 Coming up to this Post; a Second of 3000 Canadians, with English Troops, to Strike the Ottawas & Chipawas in their Own Country; a Third going through the Back parts of Virginia, with a

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Number of the Southern Indians; therefore he Recommends it to his Brothers the Delawares, to take Pity of their Women & Children; and as this is told to them out of Regard he hopes they will not Acquaint any other Nation with it.

S. Ecuyer Capt. Commdt.

Brother, the Commanding Officer,

We are much Obliged to you for the Answer you have Sent Us; and when We have Acquainted Our Chief with it, We will Return in the Afternoon with what they Say.

Four O'Clock in the afternoon they Came to the Same place.-

Brother, the Commanding Officer.

We have Informed Our Chiefs with your Answer to what We Delivered you this Morning, & they have now Desired Us to Acquaint you, that they will Continue to Hold fast the Chain of Friendship till you hear from them again; therefore Desire you will will (sic) give them a Small Sett of Colours, that may be a Signal for them when they have Occasion to Speak with you again -

The Commanding Officer of Fort Pitt Desires Mr. McKee will Inform his Brethren the Delawares, that it gives him a good Deal of Satisfaction to hear they Express themselves Still Our Friends, in which he hoped they are Sincere; as to the

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Colours they shall be sent to them when made, and they may Depend on Our paying proper Regard to whatever Messengers are sent with them; and that whenever We Observe these Colours, we shall Lower Our Flagg, & hoist it again Immediately, as a Signal that We See them, they then may Approach to the Garrison and will be Received as Friends.—

S. Ecuyer Capt. Commdt.

Brother, the Commanding Officer.

We have just Received an Account from Ligonier, that it was Attacked for a Whole Day, but that the Indians had not met with Success, & were come away.— Brother the Commanding Officer.

As We now hope you will look on Us with the Same Friendship as formerly, We Request you would give Us a Little Provisions, & Liquor to Carry Us home.

The Above Provisions were Granted to them, & they Sett off home about two O'Clock that Night.

The 25th at 9 o'Clock in the Morning, a Shawnese Indian Came across the River & Desired to Speak with me, up the Allegeny: He Informed me that two Days before he had Left a Large Body of Indians on their way Coming to Attack this Post, about 60 Miles off. and that he had met

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the Delawares, that were here Yesterday, going to meet them.—

Alexander McKee
Assis^t. Agent for Indian Affairs

Endorsed. Copy/. Speech & messages/ between Captain Ecuyer, Com-/-manding Officer at Fort Pitt/ & the Delawares 24th. June 1763/ Enclosed in Colonel Bouquet's/ Letter to Sir Jeffery Amherst of/ the 3^d. July 1763; and Referred to/ in Captain Ecuyer's Letter to Colonel/ Bouquet of the 26th. June 1763/ in S^r. J: Amherst's of July 23: 1763/ N°.5.

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Copy of a Letter from Ensign Price, Late Com=
=manding Officer at Le Boeuf to Colonel Bou=
=quet, Dated Fort Pitt, 26th June 1763.—

Sir,

I Arrived here this morning from Le Boeuf, which I Abandoned the 18th at Night.—

The 3d Instant I had an Express from Christie, with the News of Lieut: Cuyler's De=
=feat, &ca, which I Immediately Forwarded to Venango, and have heard, since I got in, was Sent to You; Another Express the 13th Arrived; I Forwarded it Likewise, but has never been Heard of Since and Captain Ecuyer has therefore Desired me to give you the Heads relating to it.—

About the 12th Christie Seeing a Sail Standing towards Niagara Sent a Batteau on Board, thinking the Master not Inclined to put in, and by a Corporal who had it from Captain Newman's Mouth, Learnt the following Particulars, Vizt. that on or about the 1st of May, 1500 Indians Arrived at Detroit, and Wanted to Hold a Treaty in the Fort; But Major Gladwin being Told by Monsieur Bauby, that if they were Per=
=mitted they would Fall upon & Destroy Every

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Man in it: The Major Ordered the Garrison under Arms; which the Chief of the Indians Seeing, Asked, "If they were Affraid?" The next day they came all together & Repeated their former Request of Admittance, and being Re=fused, began to Fire Ending that Day with the Loss of 40 of their men, and Wounding but a few of Ours.–

Captain Campbell & Lieut: Mc Dougall, were Sent to Enquire what was the Cause of their Behaviour and were Detained, though the Indians Sent in two of their own People as hostages.–

A Day or two preceding these Transac=tions they Killed Sir Robt. Davers, Capt. Robert=son, Mc Kay, & one Fisher (a Trader) as they were out Sounding the Lake; and Return=ing to Fishers House, Hanged his Wife, and Took the Rest of his Family Prisoners.

Détroit had been two Weeks Besieged when Captain Newman came out of the River to Convoy Lieut: Cuyler in, and the Garrison were Living upon a Little Provision of Barley. Then he was three Weeks after before he Saw Presqu' Isle being Detained by Contrary Winds, and was Affraid all the Upper Posts were Cutt

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off: He was Fired upon, Coming out of the Riv=
=er, and Capt: Campbell was sent on Board
to Know if he would Strike, and they would
Spare the Lives of all on Board, but he Sent
them Word, he was Determined to Fight his
Way, and Did.—

The 18th Instant I was Attacked, and the
Indians taking Possession of the Lower Store,
Fired my House with their Arrows, so that
I was Obliged to Retreat out of it in the
Night, which I Did Unseen and Brought in
with me Seven Men; Six are Still in the
Woods, but I hope will get in Safe somewhere:
We Arrived at Venango the 20th at One at
Night, & found the Block house Burnt to
the Ground. — I am, Sir, &ca.

George Price.

Colonel Bouquet.

Endorsed. Copy/ Letter from Ensign/ Price, Late
Commanding Officer/ at Le Boeuf to Colonel Bouquet,/
giving an Account of his arrival/ at Fort Pitt, with
part of his/ Garrison, having been obliged to/ Aban=
=don Le Boeuf, on the Indians/ Setting Fire to his
Storehouses, &ca./ Dated Fort Pitt 26th June 1763/ En=
=closed in Colonel Bouquet's/ Letter to Sir Jeffery Am=
=herst of the/ 3. July 1763/ in Sr. J. Amherst's of July 23: 1763/ No. 6.

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Copy of a Letter from Lieut: Blane Command=ing Officer at Fort Ligonier to Colonel Bouquet. Dated Ligonier 28th June 1763.—

Sir,

I Have Managed Matters so at this Post as to have a Garrison capable of Defending it against any Attempt; But the Roads & Aven=ues are so well Guarded, Night & Day, by the Indians, that I hope You will Excuse my not being so particular as I otherwise would.

I Beg You'll be so good to Acquaint the General that I have agreed to give the Men belonging to Bedford (on Account of the Hardship of Detaining them here) from their Arrival till a Relief comes, Equal in Number to themselves, Three Shillings Each ℘ day; And to the Young Men who were before Servants on the Communication, One Shilling & Six pence ℘ day; In Doing which, I hope, I shall not be thought Ex=travagant.— I Have made the Necessary Re=pairs, put fresh Pickle to the Salt Meat, and have all the Cattle Left us in my Pasture, which is very good, and Tie them up safe at Night:— You will Perceive why I am so particularly Carefull of them.—

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In my former Letters I acquainted you of the First Effort the Indians made here, and of the Dissappointment they met: Upon the 21st they made a Second Attempt in a very Serious manner, but with the same Success; And though I Dare Say, they Fired upwards of a Thousand Shot No Body Received any Dam=age. I Expect the Indians, who went Down, back Every Day with a Reinforcement from Above, when no Doubt they will make a Third Tryal; But since my last Repairs, their Chance is Smaller than Ever, & their Numbers will make no Odds. - The 21st at Night, & next Morning, they Killed 13 of the Inhabitant's Cows, and Burnt a House, the Flames of which We Could See from the Fort, & another the 26th. -

I am, Sir, &ca.

A.: Blane.

Colonel Bouquet.

Endorsed. Copy/ Letter from Lieut:/ Blane, Command=ing Officer/at Fort Ligonier to Colonel Bouquet/ Advising him of the Indians having/ twice Attackt the Post at Ligonier,/ & as often Repulsed, without any/ Loss on the side of the Garrison,/ &ca./ Dated Ligonier, 28th June 1763/ Enclosed in Colonl Bouquet's Letter/ to Sir Jeffery Amherst of the 3. July 1763/ in Sr. J. Amherst's of July 23: 1763/ No. 7.

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Copy 1.

New York, 4th July 1763.

Sir,

Last Night I Received your Letter of the 29th June, and Early this Morning an Express Brought me that of the 3d Instant.—

The Loss of Presqu' Isle (which I fear is too true, altho' it may happen that the Soldier who gives the Account may prove to be a Deserter) gives me great Concern; but it must make no Alteration in my Plan: There seems to have been an Absolute Necessity for my Sending you all the Troops I could, for the protection of the Inhabitants, Otherwise the Savages would have Spread their Depredations all over the Country: They will now Retire as You Advance; and I Would have you Follow the Same Directions I Have already given You, for Sending Troops Forward to Presqu' Isle, Notwithstanding this Disaster, only Observing to Send them in such a manner, that their March may be Secure, and that they may be able to Encounter any Body of Indians that can Attack them.—

I Write Immediately to Niagara, and shall Try to Send Troops from thence to

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Retake Possession of Presqu' Isle; The Orders I have already sent to Major Gladwin of which you have been Acquainted are to that purpose; I shall now Acquaint him of this Loss; and I Wish I could Send him Immediately some more Force: Should any of the Corps, from the West Indies, come this Way, I shall Lose no time in forwarding them to Niagara, to Strengthen the Force already Sent; But, in the mean time, We must Do the best We can with the Numbers We have.—

I Write again to Governor Hamilton & Trust the Province will now Enable him to Raise a Sufficient Force to Protect the Back Settlements, while the Regulars are Employed in Chastizing the Savages.—

On your Arrival at Fort Pitt, You will, of Course get Rid of the Women & Children, & all Useless Hands, as fast as can be Done, with their Safety; for the Article of Provisions is a very material One, and must be Attended to.

I Shall Forward Mr. Croghan's Letter, with the Other Papers, to Sir Wm. Johnson: I Had a Letter from him Last Night, by which I find that the Six Nations Continue Quiet, & Sir William is in hopes they will not be Con=

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=cerned with any of those Tribes, who are now Committing Hostilities against us.—

Captain Ecuyer seems to Act with great Prudence, and I Approve of Every thing he mentions to have Done; A Fixed Resolution should be taken by Every Commanding Officer whose Post is attacked by the Savages, never to Trust to their Promises, but to Defend his Post to the Last Extremity; and to take Every Occasion he can of Putting them to Death while they are Attempting to take Every Life away that they can: We have so many Recent Instances of their Breach of Faith, in this particular, that I am Surprized any Officer in his Senses, would Enter into Terms with such Barbarians.—

I am, Sir, &ca.

Jeff: Amherst.

Colonel Bouquet.

Endorsed. Copy/ Letter from Sir/ Jeffery Amherst to Co=lonel/ Bouquet./ Dated New York, 7th. July 1763/ In Answer to the Colonel's of the 3d./ That the Loss of Presqu' Isle gave/ him great Concern; but made no/ Alteration in his Plan; & therefore/ Directs the Colonel to Push forwards/ a Respectable Body of Troops thither/ agreable to his for=mer Orders; And/ that he had sent Immediate Advice/ to Niagara, that, if possible, Troops/ might be sent from thence to Retake/ Possession of Presqu' Isle &ca./ in Sr. J: Amherst's of July 23: 1763/ No. 8.

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Copy/.

Johnson Hall July 1st 1763.—

Sir

Since I had last the Honor of Writing to Your Excellency I arrived here, after which I had a Meeting with the Mohawks, who I find, During my Absence at Albany, had (together with my Message) Sent One on behalf of themselves throughout all the Six Nations, to prevent their being Alarmed at the March of the Troops; and as I judged it highly Necessary, at this Juncture, to meet the Six Nations, which will be a Means of Diverting any who may be Ill Disposed from Joyning the Ottawas, as well as Confirming the Friendship of the Rest; The Mohawks have, by my Directions, Sent to Call them to a Conference with me at the German Flatts within Fifteen Days, and I hope this Meeting will prove of good Consequence, as I am Confident we must Owe the Safety of the Communication to Oswego, as well as the Tranquility of these Frontiers, to the present Pacific Disposition of the Six Nations, to Confirm which I am of Opinion it will be Necessary to Repeat our Assur=

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=ances of Friendship, and that as We shall always Consider those who Remain Steadfast to Us, so, on the Contrary we shall punish all those who Act a Different part.—

For this Conference I shall be under the Necessity of requiring a Speedy Supply of Pro=visions; something more than the last, which is Entirely Consumed; & Indeed whilst the present Disturbances Subsist, the Intercourse between the Indians and me will Require my having always Something at hand for them, without which they will Consider themselves as Neglected, which never fails being Resented by them: I therefore hope to be favored with Your Excellency's Orders with regard to Pro=visions, the time being so Short untill I am to meet them.—

To prevent any Misunderstandings a=rising through the Ignorance under which the Garrisons Labor of the Indian Customs, as well as from the Soldiery being at present too Apt to Consider Every Indian they See as an Enemy, which I know would make Our best Friends so; I have Ordered an In=terpreter to Remain at Ontario During the Summer, who, I make no Doubt, will be very

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Serviceable at this Juncture: I have Likewise Sent Orders to Capt: Claws to Assemble the Indians of Canada, and talk with them on the present Rupture...

Since my Arrival here I find that in Consequence of my Application to the Captains of Militia, about 50 Voluntiers, from these parts, Exclusive of those Raised in Schenectady; have Marched towards the Onéida Lake; and I Flatter myself the Steps I have already taken, and Shall Constantly pursue, may produce a Strict Neutrality, as well on the part of the Six Nations as other Indians, who, tho' perhaps wavering in their Sentiments, may by good management be prevented from Associating with those Indians now in Arms against us, as well as Some prevailed upon to Act Offensively in Our favor, should Hostilities be Continued.—

I at present Labor under a Violent Fever, but I hope to be Sufficiently Recovered to Attend the Conference, as I Flatter myself, many good Consequences will Result therefrom.—

I have the Honor to be, with the utmost Esteem,

Sir, &c.

His Excellency Sir Jeffery Amherst. Wm. Johnson.—

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Copy/.

New York, 9th July 1763.—

Sir,

I am Favored with your Letter of the 1st Inst.; And am very Sorry to hear of your Indisposition: I Sincerely Wish you a Speedy Recovery, and that you may be able to Attend the Conference which you have so Judiciously Appointed to be Held with the Six Nations, in order to Repeat our Assurances of Friendship, while they Remain Steadfast to Us.— Your presence there, I am well Convinced, will be of the Utmost Consequence; & I Send Orders to Colonel Bradstreet to Furnish you with such a Quantity of Provisions as you may think Necessary, upon this Occasion.—

There is no Doubt but it is, & has been, in the power of the Six Nations to Interrupt the Communication, at any time, since the Troops were Detached from this Continent to the Havana, were they Disposed thereto; But there is as Little Doubt but that such a Step would, in the End, bring Certain Ruin on their own Heads; And therefore 'tis as much their own Interest as Ours to Remain Quiet

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and peaceable: Indeed it is more so; for their Com=
=mencing Hostilities against Us, and persisting
therein, might be attended with the Loss of Our
Inferior Posts, and a few of Our People at first,
but must Inevitably Occasion Such measures to
be taken as would Bring about the Total Ex-
=tirpation of those Indian Nations.

An Interpreter at Fort Ontario may be very
Usefull, to prevent Misunderstandings between
the Garrison and any Indians that may Come
there; But I would not have any Command=
=ing Officer, particularly at present, put the
least Trust in what an Indian might Say.
We have too many proofs of their Insincer=
=ity, and Nothing but Our being at all
times on Our Guard, can give Us perfect Se=
=curity against Such perfidious Treacherys as
the Indians in General are Capable of Acting.

I Had Acquainted the Governors in Cana=
=da of the Attack on the Detroit, that they might
take the Necessary precautions for keeping Every
=thing Quiet in their Respective Governments: Cap=
=tain Claus Cannot be better Employed than
there at present; but I should think the As=
=sembling of those Indians, in a Formal man=
=ner, on this Occasion, would rather give them

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Room to think themselves of more Consequence than they really are.—

Lt. Colonel Campbell Writes me of the 1st Instant, that upwards of Thirty Voluntiers from Below had Joyned him, and that he Expected as many more Daily; which I shall be very glad to Learn, that he may be Enabled to Spare some more Men to go Forward to Niagara, &ca.—

I Wrote you the 7th Instant, acquainting you of the Intelligence I had Received from Fort Pitt, of the Loss of Presqu' Isle, &ca; And Since then I have had Nothing New from that Quarter.—

If Three or Four good Trusty Indians Could be got, I Could Wish they were Sent to Capt: Dalyell, to be Employed in going between Presqu' Isle and Fort Pitt, with Intelligence, as Occasion may Require; And I now Advise Colonel Bouquet & Capt: Dalyell of this, & Likewise Major Wilkins & Major Duncan, as they may be soon at Niagara, by Oswego.—

I am, with great Regard,

Sir, &ca.

Jeff: Amherst.

Sir Wm. Johnson Bart.

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Copy/.

Johnson Hall, July 8th 1763.–

Sir,

I Have been Honored with Your Excellency's Letter of the 26th Ulto, together with the Several Enclosures, therewith transmitted, and I shall Use every means within my power at the Meeting, which I mentioned in my Last was to take place shortly at the German Flatts, to Engage some Indians to Assist His Majesty's Troops, or Act by themselves against the Enemy, as at that place I shall have an Opportunity, not only of Sounding their Sentiments in General, but also of proposing it to the Several Nations, and flatter myself my Endeavors may not prove Ineffectual, altho' it is a Request of Such a Nature as Cannot be agreable to them in General.–

Yesterday I received an Account from the Mohawks, who were all at my House, that the Oneidas had sent to Acquaint them at Conajohare that the Garrison of Venango has been Cutt off, & that Some French Partezans, Sent from the Govenor of New Orleans, have been very busy amongst the Western Indians for Some time past, but that many of those Indians, and also some

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of the Delawares, and their Neighbours were Appre-hensive of the Six Nations Joyning against them, and therefore Did not Express much Alacrity to assist the Rest: These Frenchmen have been very lately amongst them, and I am Certain however Extraordinary it may Appear, that the French have been principally Instrumental in Creating the present Disturbances. — I Expect hourly the Arrival of the Oneidas here, when I shall be more particularly Informed on that head. —

As the Indians will, at the Intended Meeting, Expect Your Excellency's Answer with Regard to the Several points Concerning the Posts, of Trade, &ca, mentioned in my Letter of the 6th Ulto, I must Request to be Favored therewith, that I may be Enabled to Satisfy them thereon: I should likewise be glad to have it in my Power, at the Same time, to Deliver them something of your Sentiments & Resolutions on the present Disturbances, as well as what you would in general Desire from them, together with the Encouragement you think proper to Offer: The Treating them with that appearance of Confidence will be Considered as a great Compliment, and prove a means not

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only of Removing many groundless Suspicions, but of Disposing them the better to Relish the proposals which I purpose to make them.—

I have Wrote to Captain Claus to use all his Endeavors amongst the Indians in Canada to Engage some in Our Assistance, and I hope to be able, after I return from the German Flatts, to Inform Your Excellency of the Success of that Meeting.—

I Cannot Conclude without Representing to Your Excellency the great pannic & uneasiness into which the Inhabitants of these parts are Cast, which I have Endeavored to Remove by every method in my power, to prevent their Abandoning their Settlements from their Apprehensions of the Indians; as they in General Confide much in my Residence, they are hitherto prevented from taking that hasty Measure, but should I be Obliged to Retire (which I hope will not be the Case) not only my Own Tenants, who are upwards of 120 Families, but all the Rest would Immediately follow the Example, which I am Determined against Doing 'till the last Extremity, as I know it would prove of general bad Consequence.

I have the Honor to be, with very great Esteem,

Sir, &ca.

His Excell^y Sir Jeffery Amherst.— Wm Johnson.

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Copy.

Johnson Hall, July 11th 1763.

Sir,

Since my last a Number of the Oneidas arrived here, and acquainted me with the Manner in which Venango had been Suprised, which was Effected by the Indians Entering the Fort as Friends, after which they put the Garrison to the Sword.

This Morning Thomas, a Conajohare Chief, who was One of the Messengers I Sent with the Messages, & to Invite the Six Nations to meet me at the German Flatts, arrived Express, and after Informing me that all the Chiefs of Each Nation (Except the Senecas who Refused to Attend) were on their Way to the Place Appointed he told me that 2 Onondagas who were Sent about 20 Days ago, by their Sachims, towards the Ohio, to Enquire into the Cause of the present Troubles, had Returned, and Confirmed the Account of the taking of Venango, which was Done by a party of Chenussios residing in the Neighbourhood thereof, and that after putting the Garrison to the Sword, they made the Officer Write the Reasons which Induced them to Act as they

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had Done, which were, first, the Scarcity and Dear-ness of Powder for these two Years past, being Obliged to pay 2 Deerskins for a Gill of Powder, & so in proportion for other Articles, and that when they Complained, they were Ill treated, & never Redressed; Secondly, that the may Posts which the English keep Possession of, Induced them to Believe they Intended to possess all their Coun-try, for all which they were Determined to Destroy them:. After Writing this they put the Officer to Death, and Sent the paper with a party of Warriors, then going towards Fort Pitt, in Order to Do Mischief on the Com-munication, where they proposed to Drop it, that it might be found by the English.–

The Mohawk Express further Informed me that the Onondagas had, in the presence of all the Nations Assembled, Declared their Res-olutions of Living & Dying by the English, let the Consequence be what it would, and had absolutely Rejected every proposal made to them by the Senecas &ca. – That they had received the Account that the Twightwees, Ottawas, Hur-ons, Delawares &ca., had Destroyed Six Forts, of which he mentioned the following Vizt. Detroit, Michilimackinac, Miamis, Sandusky and Venango:

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He added that at the Meeting at which he was present at Onondaga, the Senecas Spoke with 3 Belts of Wampum to the Rest of the Confederacy, acquainting them that they had given a Loose to their Warriors against the English, and Desired they would Do the Same; but that their Request was totally Rejected by the Onondagas and all the Rest, on receiving my Message first; and that that Nation in particular had Sent a very Large Belt to the Senecas, Desiring them Immediately to Desist, altho' it is my Opinion it will have but little Effect on them.—

Just now I am Favored with Your Excellency's Letter of the 7th Instant, by Lieut. Montresor, with the Several Enclosures, and am really Surprized at the Loss of Presqu' Isle, as I look on it to be a Work very Capable of making a Defence against any Attack with Small Arms, and with a Small Loss; I therefore presume the Scarcity of Ammunition or Provisions, must have Occasioned its Capitulating.

I am hopefull that the Detroit is Still Safe Notwithstanding the Report to the Contrary; I however Expect to hear Something further at

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the Conference at the German Flatts, for which place I shall Set out tomorrow Morning, and on my Return shall make Your Excellency Ac=quainted with the Success which I may meet with, as I shall Use Every Endeavor within my power to Render those People, who are Still Our Friends, of Some Use to His Majesty's Service.—

I have the Honor to be, with the greatest Respect,

Sir, &ca.

Wm Johnson.

His Excell't Sir Jeffery Amherst.

P.S. The Mohawk has also Informed me that the Chenussios, Six Days ago Sent Partys to Ironde=quat & Sodons, to way lay any Boats going to or from Niagara, of which I have given Notice to Major Duncan.—

Endorsed. Copy/. Letter from Sir/ William Johnson to Sir/ Jeffery Amherst./ Dated Johnson Hall, 11th July 1763/ Containing the Particulars of the Indians/ having Cutt off the Garrison of Venango/ in their Usual Treacherous Way, which/ Sir Wm had Learnt from a Conajohare/ Chief (One of the Messengers

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Copy 1.

New York, 16th July 1763.

Sir,

Last Night, I received your Letter of the 8th Instant, by the Albany Post, and soon after an Express from Colonel Bradstreet, Arrived with that of the 11th Containing some particulars Concerning the present Insurrection of the Indians, which from the manner you have received this Information, I Imagine the particulars may be nearly true, & I am very much Obliged to you for the Intelligence.

With regard to what you mention in your first Letter, that the Indians, at the Intended Meeting, will Expect a particular answer respecting the Trade &ca. to be Carried on at the Posts; I can Say Nothing more than that Every precaution has been already taken for Carrying on the Trade, agreable to the Regulations You Fixed, when you went to the Détroit; and when the present Disturbances are Quelled the Same Care shall be taken to prevent any of the Traders from going with their Goods, but to the Places where there are Posts Established.

Before this can Reach you I Conclude

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the Meeting will be Over; and I hope, from what you will Say to the Indians that Do Attend, the Several Tribes who have not taken any part in this Insurrection, will be Convinced that it is very much their own Interest to Remain Quiet: I Cannot Say, my Expectations are great from any thing that could be Done by Employing Indians in fighting against one another; but you are, without Doubt the best Judge, and will act accordingly: A Few Trusty Indians, to be Sent for Carrying Intelligence as I mentioned in my Last, & which I hope you will have procured and Sent forward, I think may be of great Service.—

I am very glad to Find the Onondagas seem so Steady in Our Interest, and that all the Rest of the Six Nations (Except the Senecas) had Promised to Attend your Meeting: The Intelligence you transmitted to me, points out the particular Nations who are Engaged in this Treacherous & Rash Attempt and Agrees with what I have been Informed of from Pittsburgh: I am therefore fully Determined that, in the End, they shall Suffer Severely for their Barbarities; Those who Remain Quiet, will hereafter Reap the Advantages of their Con-

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=stancy & Friendship to the English who are the only People that can be of Use to them, & with=out Our Assistance they must all Starve: It therefore Certainly Behoves them, for their own Sakes, not to Break with us.—

I Wish you had had the Intelligence a little Sooner of the Designs of the Che=russios having Sent Partys towards Lake Ontario; altho' I Trust Captain Dalyell will have proceeded with Such precaution, as to have Defeated any attempts that could be made by those Villains: I should hope the Six Nations would, at least, Resent the Other Tribes Daring to Come Down with an In=tention to Commit Hostilities so near there and that they would keep Every thing Quiet in their Country.—

You will probably have had the pleasure of hearing that Captain Dalyell Left Oswego the 3.^d Instant, with about Three Hundred Men; and I hope he is by this time at the Detroit; and that Every thing in that Quarter will turn out to be very Different from what the Indians Represent.

The Assembly of Pensylvania have En=abled the Governor to Raise 700 Men, for

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the protection of the Back Settlements, which will put it in Colonel Bouquet's power to Send the more Men forward to Presqu' Isle to be Employed as Major Gladwin, or Captain Dalyell, may think proper.—

I Flatter myself that the Result of your present Conference will Dispell the Fears of the Inhabitants on the Mohawk River: I must Confess I have been very Apprehensive for that Communication, as I know it has been in the power of the Indians to Cutt off any of the Settlements, if they were Mad Enough to make the Attempt, & Nothing but the want of Troops prevented my Securing it by a Proper Force: I Applied to the Governor of the Province to Raise Three Hundred Men Immediately for that Service; He was in hopes of getting it Effected, but the next Day Acquainted me that that measure could not take place, without Calling the Assembly, & that would have been Attended with too many Delays to have Answered the End proposed.— Should any Troops arrive here from the West Indies, I shall Immediately Order them up the Country, to Strengthen the Garrisons &ca.—

I am, with great Regard, | Sir &ca.

Jeff. Amherst.

Sir Wm Johnson Bart.

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Copy.

Philadelphia July 7th 1763.–

Sir,

I Have the Honor of Your Excellency's Letter of the 3d Instant, and have the pleasure to acquaint you, that the Assembly, taking into Consideration the Wretched State of our Frontiers, have Come to a Resolution to Enable me, with the Provincial Commissioners, to take Seven Hundred Additional Men into Pay, 'till their next Meeting on the 9th of September, to be Employed in protecting the Frontier Inhabitants. And that they are likewise preparing a Bill for Compelling the Inhabitants to furnish Carriages, &ca. for the King's Service, which will be passed this Day.–

As Soon as the House Rises, which will be this Evening, I shall forthwith apply myself to the Raising of the Men, and Stationing them in the Places where they may best answer the General purpose for which they were Granted; and Shall Use my best Endeavors to prevail with the Commissioners to Pay & Continue the Twenty Five Men at Fort Lyttelton; to which Point the House has Said Nothing.

It happened Fortunately, that on Inspecting

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the Publick Accounts, We were found to be Possessed of as much Money as will Answer the above Service for the time aforesaid, without being Obliged to have Recourse to a Tax Bill, which would undoubtedly have Stuck in its passage so as to Occasion a Long Delay; or perhaps never have passed at all. –

I have the Honor to be, with the greatest Respect

Sir, &c.

James Hamilton

Sir Jeffery Amherst.

Endorsed Copy/ Letter from Governor/ Hamilton to Sir Jeffery/ Amherst / Dated Philadelphia, 7th July 1763/ Acquaints the General that the/ Assembly of Pensylvania had come/ to a Resolution to Enable the Governor/ to Raise 700 Men, for the Protection of the Frontier Inhabitants; and/ that he should forthwith Apply/ himself to the Raising of the/ Men, &c. / in Sr. J Amherst's of July 23:/1763/ No. 14.

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Copy.

New York, 9th July 1763.—

Sir,

I am Just now Favored with your Letter of the 7th Instant the Contents whereof give me a particular pleasure, as I am persuaded you will Lose no time in Issuing the Necessary Orders for Raising the Men; & that they may be properly Employed, I Doubt not but you will think it right to put them under the Command of Colonel Bouquet, who, I Find by his Last Letter to me, had made a very Reasonable proposal for Securing the Frontiers, by Erecting some Stockaded Posts, & Enclosing the Mills as a Retreat for the Inhabitants in Case of Necessity: Such precations (sic) as these will Enable the Colonel to push forwards the greater Number of Regulars, agreable to the Directions I have Sent to him for that purpose.—

I am, with great Regard,

Sir,

&c a.

Jeff. Amherst.

Honble. Governor Hamilton.—

Endorsed.

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Copy.

Philadelphia, July 11th 1763.–

Sir,

Having in some measure Answered the Contents of Your Excellency's Letter of the 4th Instant, by mine of the Same Date; I have only to acquaint you, that, on the Day following, I passed a Bill for Compelling the Inhabitants to furnish Carriages, &ca. for the King's Service; and Another for punishing Mutiny &ca. in the Provincial Troops:– I think, also, I shall prevail on the Commissioners to Pay the Twenty Five Men Hired by Mr. Croghan to Garrison Fort Lyttelton.–

I am using all the Dispatch in my Power to get the Seven Hundred Men, agreed upon between me and the Assembly, Raised, & properly Stationed to protect the People in their Possessions, and in getting in their Harvest: and among Others, I shall Order Commissions to the Persons who have so Chearfully Done Duty at Fort Bedford, agreable to Captain Ourry's Recommendation: I am also Desired by the Provincial Commissioners to make application to Your Excellency to Order Provisions to be furnished to the Soldiers, as

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was Done on former Occasions.

As in the protection of the Frontiers, Regard must be had to those parts which are most likely to be first Attacked, I have Ordered Four Hundred men to be kept in the County of Cumberland, on Our Western Frontiers, and of Course, most Liable to Incursions from the Savages that have been Doing Mischief at the Ohio, and about Fort Bedford. The Other Three Hundred are to be Stationed on Our Northern Frontiers between the Rivers Susquehanna & Delaware, 'till it is known what part the Six Nations will take in this Insurrection, to which I am at present Entirely a Stranger; and beg if Your Excellency is Informed thereof, You will be pleased to Acquaint me.

I Have the Honor to be, with the greatest Respect,

Sir, &ca.

James Hamilton.

His Excell^y Sir Jeffery Amherst.

Endorsed. Copy/ Letter from Governor/ Hamilton to Sir Jeffery Amherst/ Dated Philadelphia 11th July 1763/ That he was Using all the/ Dispatch in his power for Raising/ the men Voted by the Assembly:/ Mentions the Disposition he/ Intended to make of them; and/ that it was Expected Sir Jeffery would Order Provisions to be/ Furnished to them, as on former/ Occasions, &ca/ in Sr J. Amherst's of July 23 1763/ N°. 16.

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Copy 7.

New York, 16th July 1763.

Sir,

I am to Thank you for the Favor of your Letter of the 11th Instant, which I Received two days ago: The Passing the Bill for Compell=ing the Inhabitants to Furnish Carriages, &ca; I am Persuaded, will be Attended with many good Consequences; and I Rely on the Commis=sioners Paying for the men so Judiciously Hired by Mr. Croghan for Garrisoning Fort Lyttelton, in this time of Danger.

You will have Seen by my Last, that I Expected the Men to be Raised by the Province would be Put under the Command of Colonel Bouquet; And I am now to Desire You will be Pleased to give the Necessary Orders for that Purpose; for Unless they are under his Command, I can See no End the Raising of them will Ans=wer, as the Pushing Forwards a Sufficient Force of Regulars to Chastize & Punish the Barbarians, must Depend on the Number of Provincials that Joyn him; and the Leaving them with a View merely to get in the Harvest, would totally Frustrate the measures I am Taking for the Chastizement of the Barbarians, as it would Dis=

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=enable Colonel Bouquet from Garrisoning the Several Posts, which are the only Security to the Country, and by which means alone, the Regulars can be Ad=vanced, to Take Revenge of the Savages who have Committed the Depredations; and put a Stop to the Ravages with which the Whole Province is at present threat'ned.

I Have therefore no Doubt but You will Direct the Commanding Officers of the Provincials to Ad=vise Colonel Bouquet of their Success in Recruiting, that he may give them Orders accordingly: They, of Course, will be Supplyed with Provisions, on their being Mustered by Colonel Bouquet, or whom he may Direct to Review them; But I could never think of Ordering Provisions to Such as Remain in the Province, without being Subject to the Orders of the King's Officers, who are certainly the Best Judges of the proper Use to be made of them as Soldiers.—

By a Letter from Sir Wm Johnson, I Find he was Setting out for the German Flatts to Hold a Conference with the Six Nations, who had all Promised to Meet him, Excepting the Senecas, who are certainly Concerned in this Mischief: Sir William was in hopes that all but the Sene=cas would Remain very Quiet.—

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As Lt Colonel Robertson is thoroughly Informed of my manner of thinking in Regard to the Mischief Committed by the Indians, and of the Steps I am taking to prevent their Doing any more, I Send him with this Letter, that he may fully Represent to You, the Necessity of Complying with my Request in Order=ing the Provincials to Advance as Colonel Bou=quet may Direct.

I am, with great Regard

Sir, &ca.

Jeff. Amherst.

The Honble
Governor Hamilton }

Endorsed. Copy/ Letter from Sir/ Jeffery Amherst to Governor/ Hamilton/ Dated New York, 16th July 1763/ Ac=knowledging the Rect of the Governors/ of the 11th July; But Desiring, in the/ Strongest Terms, that the Troops to be/ Raised by the Province of Pensylvania/ might be put under the Command of Colo/ Bouquet, otherwise the Raising of them/ could Answer no good End at present:/ And that such as were put under the/ Orders of Colonel Bouquet, or any of/

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Copy/.

New York, 22d July 1763.

Sir,

In obedience to your Commands I went to Philadelphia, and waited upon Governor Hamilton with your Letter: from what he Said upon the Subject, I soon perceived that he Either did not think proper, or that he Did not Judge himself at Liberty to Comply with your Demand. I therefore told him, that as you Judged his Compliance with your Request of the utmost Consequence to the publick Service, you had Desired me to Inform him in Confidence of your Sentiments and Views in regard to the present Insurrection more fully than you Could by Letter.

I told him you thought the Late Barbarous Murders had been Committed by the Indians without provocation or pretence, that the punishment of the Savages, by Marching a Body of Troops into, and laying waste their Country, was the only Effectual means of putting an End to the present & preventing future unprovoked Insurrections: that you had Ordered all the Troops you Could Spare upon this Service, that the whole Could have

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been Advanced with Less Expence and more fa=
=cility by the Way of Albany and the Lakes;
yet the Frontier of Philadelphia being Infested,
you had Ordered the greatest part of your Force
to March towards the Lakes that way, to pro=
=tect the Inhabitants and Intimidate the In=
=dians. – That you Judged a Defensive War against
Indians Ineffectual, and Impracticable, that
the 700 Men Voted by the Assembly to be Rais=
=ed Solely to Act upon the Philadelphia Fron=
tier, were Incapable of Defending it, or Even
of preventing One Murder from being Com=
=mitted; whereas a Spirited Attack upon the In=
=dian Villages and a Retaliation of the Barbar=
=ity Committed by them upon the Defenseless,
would Certainly, in an Effectual manner, Clear
the Frontiers of Philadelphia, as the Indians
would Fly to the Defence of their Wives and
Children. – But in Order to Execute this, which
you proposed to Do with the Regular Troops, it
was as Necessary he should Employ the 700 Men
Voted, in Guarding the Forts, During the Absence
of the King's Troops; and as this would more
Effectually Answer the Intentions of the Assembly,
'tho' it was not Quite agreable to the Letter of
the Vote, I hoped he would give up an Ineffec=

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-tual and Impracticable plan, and Effectually De-fend his Frontier, by Enabling you to March the whole of the Regulars into the Enemy's Country. Otherwise you would be Obliged to give up the Forts, or give up the plan. –

The Governor Seemed to Acknowledge the Principles I Advanced to be Just, Complained that other Provinces did not Act, that the People and Assembly of Philadelphia would not Approve of a Force, Raised for their particular Defence, being Employed even for a Publick Service; that if he was to Divert these Voted, from the Service of the Frontier, to any Other Service, the first Ravage that happened would Expose him to a Resentment he Could not Stand from the As-sembly, and that his House would be pulled Down by the Mob. –

I put him in Mind that on Critical Oc-casions all Persons in Power were Subject to popular Resentment, which was Generally Guided by Events, that if you was prevented from putting an End to the Indian War, in Conse-quence of his Refusal of your Demand, that he would Justly be Exposed to the Censure and Resentment of the most Respectable, and most thinking People. –

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He Said that the Absolute Direction of these men was not in him, that he was only at the Head of a Committee Intrusted by the Assembly with the Direction of this Affair, that he would Call a Meeting, where I might Attend, that he would there Read your Letter, and give me Leave to Represent, what I had now Said, to the Committee. –

I Desired his Leave to Wait upon the popular Leaders of the Quakers, and hoped that if I Could prevail upon them to Embrace your proposal, and to Recommend it to him as Salutary, that he would then Recommend the Measure to the Committee; he Said he Could not appear in favor of it, but Should gladly Submit to Your Judgement, & Embrace the measure, if Recommended by the Leading Men. –

I Immediately Waited upon Mr. Isaac Norris, & after Repeating all I had Said to the Governor, Supplicated his Aid and Influence with the Members of the Committee; I told him that he would Do a Most Effectual Service to the Publick, & to the Province, that he would Oblige you, who, I was Certain, would give to him and his Friends, in your Relation to the Ministers, all the Credit so Meritorious an Action

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Deserved. –

When this Argument did not Seem to Pre=vail I told him, that, as Commander in Chief, the Direction of all Men that were Armed be=longed to You; that to Deprive you of this by a Vote, was Contrary to the King's apparent In=tentions, and was an Innovation that might be Considered as a Personal Slight to One, who had Deserved more Confidence & Gratitude from all the Provinces. He professed much Respect, Said these Men were only Voted for two Months had no Bounty, nor Cloaths; and in Effect that the assembly means, only by their Vote, to Arm the Farmers, and Reapers, that they might Defend their Own Fields, for which purpose they were to be Armed, and have Ammunition, but Could not be Called Soldiers. – that when the Assem=bly should meet, he would gladly promote any proposal You should think fit to make for Carrying on the War, which he was Sensi=ble was Necessary, and Could only be Done Effectually by being Offensive. –

My Application to the Members of the Com=mittee met with no more Success: I am Sorry if you are Disappointed; or if the publick Ser=vice be Retarded by my Failure; but beg you'll

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believe that the Art of persuasion alone was Wanting in me, and that if Zeal & Application had been Sufficient for that purpose, Your Demand would have been Obtained.–

I have the Honor of being,
Sir, &ca.
James Robertson

His Excell^y Sir Jeffery Amherst.

Endorsed. Copy of Sr Colonel Robertson's | Report | To Sir Jeffery Amherst, on his | Return from Philadelphia, Whither | he had been Sent with the General's | Letter to Governor Hamilton, to Enforce | the Arguments Urged therein, for | Putting the Troops Voted by the Assembly | under the Command of Colonel Bouquet | &ca. | By this Report it Appears that | the Governor Absolutely Refused to | Comply with the General's Request, | Alledging that the Assembly meant | only by the Vote, to Arm the Farmers, | & Reapers, that they might Defend | their own Fields, but that they could | not be Called Soldiers, &ca. &ca. &ca. | Dated New York, 22^d July 1763 | in Sr J. Amherst's of July 23: 1763. | N°. 18.

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Copy.   New York, 21st July 1763.

Sir,

Having Received His Majesty's Commands for arranging the Troops that are to Remain in North America, I am to acquaint You, that the Extensiveness of the Country, and the many Posts that must Necessarily be Garrisoned, will not Permit me to Leave so many Troops at Newfoundland as I could have Wished; Altho' I Flatter Myself the Disposition I have made will meet with your Approbation.—

As the Company of the 40th Regiment has been very long Divided from the Corps, & that the Men will be Wanted where that Regiment is to be Stationed, I Have Ordered Captain Hamilton, with his Company, to be Relieved by a Compleat Company, & a Half, of the 45th now at St. Johns: Captain Gealy, with his own Company, and the Half of the Other (which will Remain after the Above are Sent to Placentia) to Garrison St. Johns, & the Isle of Buoys, and Captain Dovers's Company of the Royal Artillery are to be Equally Divided between Placentia & St. Johns.—

I am, with great Regard,

Sir, &ca. | Jeff. Amherst.

His Excellency
Governor Graves, Newfoundland }

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List of the English Transports Remaining at New York 23^d. July 1763.

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Marlborough	Thomas Wills	625
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Neptune	Edwd. Symonds	234
Venus	Wm Duffield	317

N. B. The Monckton -- Edwd. Sneed Master -- of 280 Tons, an American Transport, is gone to New=foundland, Louisbourg, &ca. with Orders for the Arrangement of the Troops at those Places.—

Endorsed. List of the English/ Transports Re=maining/ at New York, the 23^d. July 1763/ in S^r. J. Amherst's of July 23: 1763 / N°. 30.

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New York 13th August 1763.

My Lord,

The last Letter, I did myself the Honour of writing to your Lordship was of the 23d July by the Pitt Packet, and in three days after two Transports arrived here, with 375 discharged men, from the Havana, and at the same time I received a Letter from Governor Keppel of the 3d July, acquainting me of the arrival of the Spanish Garrison there on the 30th June, and of his sending the 3d Battalion of the Royal American Regt. to Pensecola, and the four Companys of the Royal to St. Augustin, intending to take the rest of the Troops with him to England, as neither the Season of the Year, nor the Worms in the Harbour, would permit him with any Safety to remain there any longer, in hopes of a Ship from England, which he judged from Appearances must be lost.

As the Chief Part of these men were discharged, upon their times of Service being expired, I thought proper to engage as many as I could for four months, to form them into a Corps which I wanted to act against the Indians, and some have been prevailed on, and

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are gone on that Service.

On the 29th Ultimo, a Vessel arrived here that sailed with the Fleet from the Havana, parted with them, on this side the Gulph, and reported the whole gone to England, but in a few hours after, I was agreeably surprized with the Arrival of the Dublin Man of War off the Hook; six Transports with the 15th 27th 28th 40th and 46th Regiments came up here, the Swift Sloop of War having very luckily overtaken the Fleet on the 18th July, when Mr. Keppel ordered these Regiments here, the 22d and 34th to Louissanne, and the 9th and 35th to Florida, agreeably to His Majesty's Commands.

I directly ordered the 15th & 27th Regiments to Quebec, the 28th Regiment to Montreal, the 40th Regiment to Nova Scotia, and the 46th is gone to Niagara.

I have for the present thought proper to relieve the Garrison of Fort William-Augustus from the Troops at Montreal, that Wilmot's Regiment may be together to act offensively against the Indians, so long as that Service is necessary.

When I had last the honour of writing to your Lordship, I gave you such Accounts,

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as I had then received of the Mischiefs done by the Savages, since which I have received a Letter from Major Gladwin of the particular occurrences at each Post which vary a little, from what I last wrote to your Lordship; I enclose the Major's Letter with the whole of these Accounts and my answer thereto, for your full information.

I greatly regret the loss of Captain Campbell, who has been most inhumanly butchered by the Indians, in breach of all promises on their side, and I cannot but mention to Your Lordship, that no man had ever more reason to expect Safety in the hands of these Barbarians, than this officer had, whose constant Attention and Goodness to them, whilst he commanded at the Détroit, called at least, on this occasion, for Security to his Person in their hands, but this, with many other almost similar Instances points out strongly the necessity of a severe Chastisement now, to keep them hereafter within bounds: I have ever thought that these People are, certainly, not to be attached by Indulgence, but should at all times be rewarded or punished according to their Deserts

I have not received any material news, from

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the Pittsburg Communication, since my last to Your Lordship: there has been an Alarm on the Mohawk River, and Sir William Johnson very judiciously assembled the Militia to be pre=pared for all Events, but it turned out nothing: the six Nations (Senecas excepted) re=main firm and have promised Sir William, that should matters go to Extremity: they would to a Man joyn him, against any Nations, that might attempt to put their Threats in execution, some of the distant ones having warned him to remove, declaring they would cutt him off, if he did not.

On the 7th instant the Harriott Packet arrived here, when I had the honour of your Lordship's Letter of the 18th June, with a Dupli=cate of 21st May, the Original of which was answered in my Letter of 23d July.

I have made such a disposition of the Troops, as I judge will best answer to se=cure a quiet possession of the whole Coun=try, and I transmit to Your Lordship a list of the Troops as they are already stationed and as they are to be: the present disturb=ances will not permit me, to carry into execution the King's Commands so expeditious.

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-ly and compleatly as I could wish, but I will do it as fast as may be, consistently with the good of the Service.

At present I am preparing every thing that I think will be necessary for the Regi-ments in Florida & Louissianne, and I shall send Lt. Colonel Robertson with proper offi-cers, to examine into the State and con-dition of the whole, and to settle every thing in the best manner he can, and I shall al-so direct him, to remain with the Command at either of those Places, should he find it necessary so to do, and your Lordship may be assured I will have a due attention, to the compleating the Regiments, and providing every thing that may be requisite for the Estab-lishment in those Parts.

May I take the liberty to beg that Your Lordship will lay me at the King's Feet with my most humble and dutifull thanks, for His Majesty's gracious Intention of permitting me to return home, with my respectfull Assurances, that no pri-vate concerns whatsoever could have in-duced me to ask for this during the continuance of the War.

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I have the honour to be with the utmost Respect.

My Lord

Your Lordship's
Most Humble
and most Obedient Servant
Jeff. Amherst.

Right Honourable
Earl of Egremont.

Endorsed. New York. 13th Augt. 1763/ Sir Jeffery Amherst./ Rx 16th Septr.

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Schedule of Papers Referred to, in M. General Sir Jeffery Amherst's Letter to The Right Hon.ble The Earl of Egremont, Bearing Date New York, 13th August 1763.-

No. 1 Copy/. Letter from Major Gladwin, Com=manding Officer at the Ditroit, to Sir Jeffery Amherst, Enclosing Particular Accounts of the Loss of the Several Out Posts: But acquaints the General of his Garrison having Baffled all the Attempts of the Savages; So that there was no Danger of that Post's falling into their Hands before the Reinforcement Arrived, &ca. --- 8th. July 1763.

No. 2 Do... Letter from Lieut: Jenkins, Late Comd. Officer at Ouiatanon to Ma=jor Gladwin; Advising him of that Post being Surprized by the Indians; he, & his Garrison being Prisoners, &ca. (Enclosed in the foregoing) 1st. June.

No. 3 Do... Letter from Capt. Etherington, Late Commandg. Officer at Michill=imakinac, to Major Gladwin; Ad=vising him of the Loss of that Post, which was taken by Surprize

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& great part of the Garrison Massa-
=cred: Captain Etherington Prisoner
(Enclosed likewise in the foregoing) 12th June.

No. 4 Do.... Particulars Regarding the Loss
of Sandusky; St. Joseph; Miamis,
& Presqu' Isle; the three first taken
by Treachery, & attended with the
Most Shocking Cruelties; the Latter
Capitulated. (Also Enclosed in the foregoing)

No. 5. Do.... Sir Jeffery Amherst's Answer to
Major Gladwin; Laments the Loss
of Our Unfortunate People who Fell
by the Hands of the Bloody Vil-
=lians; Greatly Commends the
Spirited & Steady Behaviour of
Major Gladwin, & his Garrison, and
fully Informs him of the Formida-
=ble Reinforcements now on their
Way to Joyn him; so that he
might take Ample Revenge for the
Cruelties Committed by the Bar-
=barians: Offers a Reward of £100
to any One Who Kills Pontiac the
Chief of the Ottawas, & the Princi-
=pal Instigator of all the Mischief;
as also the Like Reward to the

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Person who Kills the Chief, who ad=
=vised, or Perpetrated, the Murder of
Capt. Campbell, Basely Massacred,
while in their Hands, as an Hos=
=tage &ca. &ca. .... 8th Augst. 1763

No. 6 Copy of Sir Jeffery Amherst's Instructions
to Capt. St. Gardiner of the 55th Regt.
for Proceeding with a Detachment
of Four Platoons, Consisting of 20
men, Each (Re-Enlisted for Four
months, from the men Whose times
of Service were Expired) with an
Officer, Serjt. & Corpl. to Each Pla=
=toon, to Joyn Major Gladwin, to
Act Offensively against the Savages 10th. Augst.

No. 7 Do. ... Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst
to Sir Wm. Johnson; Acquaints him
of the Corps under Capt. St. Gar=
=diner; And Desires Sir William will
give Capt. St. Gardiner Every Inform=
=ation in his power, for his Exe=
=cuting that part of his Instructions
relative to the Chastizement of the
Senecas, who had so ungratefully
Joyned in the present Insurrection.. 10 Augst.

No. 8. Do. ... Letter from Govr. Hamilton to Sir

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Jeffery Amherst; Containing the Reasons why he could not Comply with the General's Request to put the Troops Voted by the Assembly of Pensylvania, under the Command of Colonel Bouquet &c.a .... 21st.

No. 9 Do. Strength of the Regiments that Arrived at N. York, from the Havana 29th. July

No. 10 Do. .... Accot. of the Transports in the Service at New York, the 13th Augst. 1763

No. 11 Copy. Disposition of His Majesty's Forces in North America .... Augst. 1763.–

Endorsed. Schedule of Papers,| Referred to, in M. General Sir| Jeffery Amherst's Letter to The| Right Honble The Earl of | Egremont.| Dated New York, 13th Augst. 1763.

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Copy 1

Détroit, July 8th 1763.

Sir,

I Embrace this first Opportunity of Writ=ing to You since my last of the 30th May; I then Informed Your Excellency, that I had Something to make Known to You, which I Chose to Defer 'till another opportunity, for fear it should Fall into the Hands of the Enemy, as they have People among them who Read English; And I Since Find this precaution was Necessary, for the Express Betrayed me, & De=livered up my Letters; but as this goes by a better Hand, I may Venture to give you my Opinion of His Majesty's Disaffected Subjects of Détroit; Since the Commencement of this Ex=traordinary Affair, I Have been Informed, that many of the Inhabitants of this Place, Seconded by some French Traders, from Montreal, have made the Indians Believe that a French Army & Fleet, were in the River St. Lawrence, and that Another Army would Come from the Illinois; and that when I Published the Cessation of Arms, they said it was a mere Invention of Mine, purposely Calculated to Keep the In=dians Quiet, as We were Affraid of them; but

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they were not such Fools as to Believe me, Which, with a thousand Other Lies Calculated to Stir up Mischief, have Induced the Indians to take up Arms; And I Dare Say it will Appear 'ere long, that One Half of the Settlement Merit a Gibbet, and the Other Half ought to be Decimated: Never=theless, there is some Honest men among them, to whom I am Infinitely Obliged; I mean Sir, Monsieur Navarre, the two Babys, & my Interpret=ers, St. Martin & La Bute; They Furnished me with Provisions, at the utmost peril of their Lives; and I Question, without their Assistance, Whether I should have been able to Maintain my Post; Therefore I take the Liberty of Re=commending them to Your Excellency, being persuaded that You will Consider them. –

I am Sorry to Acquaint You that all the Out Posts are Cut off; for further Par=ticulars I Refer You to the enclosed Papers. The Jesuit of Michillimakinac came here since the Surprisal of that Post; He Says that Neith=er he, nor that part of the Ottawa Nation a=mong whom he Resides, Knew any thing of the Matter, till it was Over. – When he Proposed to Return, I offered to give him a Letter for Cap=tain Etherington, but he Refused to Carry it,

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for, he said, he never Told a Lye in his Life; and if the Indians should Ask him for Letters, he would give it up; but he said, he would take a Memorandum of what I had to Say: I Then told him to Desire Captain Etherington, to Send an Express to Montreal, to Advise the Governor of what had happened and to Send back all Traders that might be coming up, whether French or English; at which he Seemed a good deal Surprized, and Said it would Raise great Jealousies among the Indians to Send back the French Traders; Therefore, from this, & other Circumstances, I Conclude that the French are at the Bottom of this Affair, in order to Ruin the British Merchants, & Engross the Trade to themselves, as many of them are Stupid Enough to Believe that they will be permitted to Supply the Indians with Everything they want before an Accommodation takes place: The Jesuit likewise Informed me, that the Indians got an Immense Booty at Michillimakinac, among which Fifty Barrels of Gun powder: I Have Desired Monsieur Langlad to take Charge of the Fort 'till further Orders: Captain Etherington gives him a great Character.—

The 30th of June, the Schooner arrived with

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Lieut: Cuyler, and a Detachment of Fifty men; - The 4th I Sent out Lieut: Hay, & a Party of Forty men, to Fetch in some Powder & Lead, from Babies, and to Destroy an Intrenchment which the Enemy had made, & from whence they Annoyed us: The Indians being Advertized that We were out came down to Attack the Party; upon which I sent out Captain Hopkins, with Twenty men more, who Repulsed the Enemy, Killed Three of them, and Pursued the Rest half a Mile; and upon their Return to their Camp, I am Sorry to acquaint You, they Butchered poor Captain Campbell, in Revenge for a Chief that was Killed: It seems they have practised the Like Cruelties, ever since the Affair began; and when they Lose a man, they Murder a Prisoner. The 6th I Sent the Sloop up the River, to Batter Pontiac's Camp, which he Abandonned, after a Cannonading of two or three hours; as yet I am not Informed Where he has taken up his Quarters. -

I Believe the Enemy begin to be Sick of the Affair, from the Loss they have Sustained, & not being able to Carry a Point against me: 'Till the Vessel Arrived, they gave me the finest opportunities Imaginable to Destroy them, but

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I Had not men to make Sorties; On the Contrary my Garrison was Scarce a Sufficient guard for this Extensive Fort. For some time, I Have Employed my Interpreters to make Dissentions among the Indians, & not without Effect. The Hurons & Pettiwattamas are Less Culpable than the Rest, as they were Forced into the War by Threats, and have Done the Least Mischief; They want to make Peace: To which I Answered that if they would Remain Quiet, I would Recommend them to Your Excellency: I Believe they might be Easily Set upon the Ottawas & Chippawas when the Army comes up, if Your Excellency would Overlook what has Passed.—

I Hope to have the Pleasure of Seeing Sir Wm. Johnson 'ere long, If some of the Six Nations came with him, I Believe it would have a very good Effect, as it would make the Indians this way their Enemys for Ever, Consequently they would never think of Plotting Mischief against us, time to Come.

Before I Conclude, I Can't Omit this Occasion of Recommending to Your Excellency the Officers & men under my Command, for Supporting the Fatigue of this Long Affair with a Spirit & patience worthy of Notice.—

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I Have the Honor to be, with profound Respect,

Sir, &ca.

Henry Gladwin

His Excellency Sir Jeffery Amherst.

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Copy 1.

Ouiatonon June 1st 1763.

Sir,

I Have heard of your Situation which gives me great Pain, indeed we are not in much better, for this Morning the Indians sent for me, to speak to me, and Immediately bound me when I got to their Cabbin, and I soon found some of my Soldiers in the same Condition: They told me Detroit, Miamis, and all them Posts were Cut off, and that it was a Folly to make any Resistance, therefore desired me to make the few Soldiers, that were in the Fort Surrender, otherwise they would put us all to Death, in Case one man was killed. They were to have fell on us and kill'd us all last night, but Mr. Maizongville and Lorain gave them Wampum not to kill us, & when they told the Interpreter that We were all to be killed, & he knowing the Condition of the Fort, beg'd of them to make us prisoners. They have put us into French Houses, & both Indians & French use us very well; All these Nations say they are very Sorry but that they were Obliged to do it by the Other Nations. The Belt did not Arrive here 'till last night about Eight o'Clock.

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Mr. Lorain can inform you of all. Just now Received the News of St. Joseph's being taken. Eleven men kill-ed and three taken Prisoners with the Officer: I have Nothing more to say, but that I Sincerely wish you a Speedy Succour, and that we may be able to Revenge ourselves on those that De-serve it.

I Remain with my Sincerest wishes for you Safety

Your most Humble Servant
Edwd. Jenkins.

To Major Gladwin—
N. B. We expect to set off in a day or two for the Illinois

Endorsed. Copy | Letter from Lieut: | Jenkins to Ma-jor Gladwin | Dated Ouiatanon 1st. June 1763 | Advising him of that Post being | Surprized by the Indians; he & his | Garrison being Prisoners &ca. | Enclosed in Major Gladwin's Letter | to Sir Jeffery Amherst of the 8th. July 1763 | In Sir Jeff: Amherst's, of the | 13th. Augt. 1763 | No. 2.

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Copy 1.

Michilimackinac, 12th June 1763.

Sir,

Notwithstanding what I wrote you in my last that all the Savages were arrived and that every thing seemed in perfect Tranqui=lity. Yet on the Second Instant the Chipa=ways who live in a Plain near this Fort As=sembled to play Ball, as they had done almost every day since their Arrival, they played from Morning till noon; then throwing their ball close to the Gate and Observing Lieut. Les=ley, & me, a few paces out of it, they came behind us, seized and carried us into the Woods. -

In the mean time the rest Rushed into the Fort, where they found their Squas, whom they had Previously planted there, with their hatchets hid under their Blankets, which they took & in an Instant Killed Lieut. Jamet and fifteen Rank & file, and a Trader named Tracy; they Wounded two and took the rest of the Garrison prisoners, five of which they have since killed. -

They made prisoners all the English Tra=ders, and Robbed them of every thing they

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had, but they Offered no Violence to the Persons or propertys of any of the French men.

When this Massacre was over Mess.rs Langlade and Farli the Interpreter, came down to the place where Lieut: Lesslie & me were Prisoners; and on their giving themselves as Security to Return us when Demanded, they Obtained leave for us to to the Fort under a Guard of Savages which gave time by the Assistance of the Gentlemen abovementioned to send for the Outaways, who came down on the first Notice, and were very much Displeased at what the Chipaways had done.

Since the Arrival of the Outaways, they have done every thing in their Power to serve Us; And with what prisoners the Chipaways have given them and what they have bought, I have now with me Lieut: Lesslie & Eleven Private & the other four of the Garrison, who are yet living, Remain in the hands of the Chipaways.-

The Chipaways who are Superior in Num-ber to the Outaways, have Declared in Council to them that If they do not Remove us out of the Fort, that they will cut off all Com-munication to this Post, by which means all the

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Convoys of Merchants from Montreal, La Baye, St. Joseph's, and the upper Posts would perish — But if the news of your Posts being attack'd (which they say was the reason they took up the Hatchet) be false and you can send up a Strong Reinforcement with provision &ca. Accompanied by some of your Savages, I believe the Post might be Re Established again.

Since this Affair happened two Canots arrives from Montreal which put it in my Power to make a present to the Outaway Nation, who very well deserve any thing that can be done for them. —

I have been very much Obliged to Messrs. Langlade, & Farli the Interpreter as likewise to the Jesuit for the many good Offices they have done us on this Occasion; the Priest seems inclinable to go down to your Post for a Day or two which I am very Glad of, as he is a very good man, & has a great deal to Say with the Savages here about, who will believe every thing he tells them on his Return, which I hope will be soon. —

The Outaways say they will take Lieut. Lesslie, me, & the Eleven Men which I mentioned before were in their hands, up to their Village and there keep us, till they hear what is doing at your Post, they have sent

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this Canot for that purpose.

I Refer you to the Priest for the particulars of this Melancholy affair & am

Dear Sir

Yours very Sincerely

Geo: Etherington—

To Major Gladwin—

P.S. The Indians that are to carry the Priest to Detroit will not undertake to Land him at the Fort, but at some of the Indian Villages near it, So that you must not take it Amiss that he does not pay you the first Visit: And once More I beg that Nothing may Stop your Sending of him back, the next day after his Arrival if Possible, as we shall be at a great Loss for the want of Him. And I make no doubt that you will do all in your Power to make peace, as you see the Situation we are in, & send up provision as soon as possible and Ammunition, as what we had was pillaged by the Savages.—

Adieu,

G. Etherington.

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Endorsed. Copy/. Letter from/ Captain Etherington to/ Major Gladwin/ Dated Michillimakinac 12th. June 1763/ advising him of the Loss of that/ Post, which was taken by/ Surprize, & great part of the/ Garri=-son Massacred: Captain/ Etherington Prisoner./ En=-closed in Major Gladwin's Letter to/ Sir Jeffery Am=-herst of the 8th. July 1763/ In Sir Jeff: Amherst's of the/ 13th. Augt. 1763/ No. 3.

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Particulars Regarding the Loss of the Following Posts, Vizt. Sandusky, St. Joseph, Miamis & Presqu' Isle: Extracted from the Accounts Enclosed with Major Gladwin's Letter to Sir Jeffery Amherst of the 8th July 1763.

Sandusky.

On the 16th May, Ensign Paulli, who Com-manded at this Post, was Informed by his Cen-try at the Gate, that there were Indians come who wanted to Speak to him, upon which he went to See Who they were, and Finding them to be some of his own Indians, who Received him very Friendly, he Permitted Seven of them to come in, and gave them a Little Tobacco to Smoak: In a Short time after, One of them Raised up his Head, which is Supposed to have been a Signal; upon which the two that Sat next Ensign Paulli, Seized, and Tied him, with-out Saying a Word, and Carried him out of his Room; Where he found his Centry Dead in the Gateway, with the Rest of the Garri-son, One here & One there, all Massacred; And the Fort Surrounded with Indians: His Ser-jeant, who had been Planting something in his Garden, was Killed there.— The Merchants

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were all Killed, & Every thing they had Plundered.—
The Savages Brought Ensign Paulli to their Camp at the Détroit, where he Remained Prisoner untill the 3d July, when he made his Escape, and got safe into the Fort. — N. B. The Seven Indians that Ensign Paulli permitted to come into his Post, were Four Hurons, & Three Ottawas, who Lived near Sandusky.

St. Joseph.

"On the 25th May, between 9 & 10, in the morning, Ensign Schlosser, who Commanded at St Joseph, was Acquainted that there was a Party of the Détroit, Puttawattamies Arrived to See their Relations there; and that they Intended to come & Wish him a good Morning: a Few minutes after, a Frenchman came, & Informed him that there were some Indians come with an Ill Design; upon which he Ran to the Barracks to get the Soldiers under Arms, & upon Entering, found them full of Indians: Whereupon, he Ordered his Serjeant to Use all his Endeavors to get under Arms, while he Assembled the French, & Immediately went to Speak to them, who were already Assembled at his Room: That in two or three Minutes after, he heard a Cry in the Barracks, upon which those In-

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-dians that were in the Room with him, Seized him, & those that were without, Seized his Sentry at the Gate; & Rushed in, in such Numbers, that they Massacred all the Garrison, Except three men, in about two Minutes, and plundered the Fort.

Miamis

a Soldier of the 60th Regt. who was One of the Garrison of Miamis, gives the following Account of the Loss of that Post.—

That about the 23d May, a French man arrived there, & Informed Ensign Holmes, the Com-manding Officer, that when he Left the Mouth of the River below Détroit, he heard the Firing of Cannon, which made him Believe the Fort at the Detroit was Attackt: That Ensign Holmes then Ordered the Men of the Garrison to Remain within the Fort, & Set them to make Cartridges: That on the 27th in the Morning a Squaw that Lived with Mr. Holmes, came into the Fort, & Told him that there was another Squaw in a Caban about Three Hundred Yards from the Fort, who was very Ill, & Wanted him to Bleed her; upon which he went out with her, and in a short time after, they heard two Shots Fired: The Serjeant went out to See what was the Matter, and upon coming up to two or three Indians,

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that were in Sight of the Fort, they took the Ser-jeant Prisoner, having Killed Ensign Holmes before; Upon which the Men in the Fort Shut the Gates, & got upon the Pickets to look out, when they Saw One Welch, who had been taken Prisoner some Days before, & two French men [N. B. By the Description it would Seem that those Frenchmen, were two Fellows, named Godfoy & Minishen, that went lately from the Detroit to the Illinois for Pontiac (as the Indians gave out) in order to Bring a Commandant from thence to the Detroit.] who Called to them to give up the Fort, otherwise they would be all put to Death, but if they would Submit, their Lives should all be Saved; Upon which the Men Consulted among them-selves, & thought it best to give it up, upon these Conditions, as there were but Nine of them in the Fort, the three Others, the Remainder of the Garrison, having been taken two days be-fore, as they were afterwards Informed.

Presqu' Isle.

"On the 20th June, at Break of day, Ensign Christie Commanding at Presqu' Isle, Found his Post Surrounded by Two Hundred Indians, of Four Different Nations: A Quarter of an hour after, they Began to Fire against

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the Blockhouse, & Continued Firing that day pretty Smartly: Fire Arrows were likewise Shot into the Roof, which Set Fire to it in many Places, at Sundry times: The Blockhouse is Situated on Rising Ground, and near it are two Hills, under Cover of which the Enemy Approached within Forty Yards, or so near as to Fling with their Hands, Pitch & other Burning Combustibles in the Body of the House: The One Hill Ascended from the Lake Eastward, the other from the Bottom, or Creek, Northward: They Erected on the Top of the Hill Eastward, two Breast Works of Loggs, and on the Hill on the Northward, One Breast Work; from both which the Blockhouse was much Annoyed. _ Under the Breast Work Eastward, they were perceived throwing up the Earth, by which it was Imagined they Intended Undermining: Some Attempted getting into the Ditch round the Blockhouse, but were Killed, or Wounded in the Attempt, which made them Abate their Firing for some hours; in which time they were Employed in Digging a Passage through the Earth, to get at the Body of the House. _ The 21st they began Firing as hot as the Day before, & Fired

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Arrows again, which Set Fire to the House in Several Places: The Same day the Barrels of War which the Garrison had Provided, were Spent in Extinguishing the frequent Flames, & they found it Impossible to get at the Well, Sunk on the parade; There-fore, by very hard Labor, was Obliged to Sink One in the House: Whilst they were Sinking the Well, the House was again Set on Fire; but got it Extinguished by Driving the Shingles off the House: In the mean time the Enemy had Approached through the Earth as far as the Commanding Officers Room on the parade, which they Set on Fire, & the Flames communicated to the Fascines, which Surrounded the Blockhouse. - The Garrison Continued Firing on the Indians 'till Midnight, when One who Spoke French, Called out, & Told Ensign Christie, it was in Vain to persist in the Defence of the Place, as they could Set Fire to the House when they pleased, & none could think of being Saved: Finding, that they had made their Approaches as a-foresaid, & that they could Set the House on Fire, above & Below; the Men being fatigued to the greatest Extremity, & not able to Extinguish such a Fire, & to Resist their numbers, Ensign Christie Asked them in English, If any amongst them understood that Language: They answered there

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was One, an Englishman who had been Prisoner for Seven Years, & Fighting then against the English: They Desired to Cease Firing, & he should Speak to the Commanding Officer: He came accordingly & Acquainted Ensign Christie, that those Indians were of the Hurons, & had been Compelled by the Ottawas, & other Nations, to take up Arms against the Détroit; that then part of those Nations were with them, & that they only Demanded the House, & that they would have it soon, & the Garrison might have Leave to go where they pleased: Ensign Christie Desired them to Cease their Firing 'till the morning, & he would Answer their Proposals: After Seeing the Impossibility of Receiving any Assistance from the Vessel, which lay for two days about two miles Distance; after Considering his Situation, & the Impossibility of holding out any Longer, he Sent two Soldiers, as if to Treat with them, but the Chief View was to Reconnoitre their Situation, & in what manner they had made their Approaches, who gave him the Signal that what he Imagined was but too true: He then Demanded that two of their Chiefs should Meet him on the Hill, to Treat with him; Accordingly they came, & he Capitulated with them: The Terms were, that he

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might Either Send his Garrison on Board the Vessel, or to Fort Pitt; Instead of which they Brought them Prisoners to the Villages round the Détroit.—

Endorsed. Particulars Regarding | the Loss of San-dusky, St. Joseph, | Miamis & Presqu' Isle. | Extracted from the Accounts. | Enclosed with Major Gladwin's | Letter to Sir Jeffery Amherst, of | the 8th. July 1763. | In Sir Jeff: Amherst's of the | 13th. Augt. 1763 | No. 4.

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New York, 10th August 1763.

Sir,

On the 31st July, I Received your Letter of the 8th of that Month, with its Several Enclosures, Containing the particulars Regarding the Loss of the Several Out posts, which, I am Sorry to Find, have Every One of them been Surprized: at the same time that I Lament the Deaths of Our Unfortunate People, who Suffered by the Hands of the Bloody Villains; I Cannot Express to You the Satisfaction I Feel, in Considering the Behavior of your Garrison, which, I am very well Convinced, was, in a great Degree, Owing to your Steadiness, & good Conduct: The Precautions you took at first, to prevent the Savages from putting their Treacherous Design in Execution_(At the same time, I think You rather Trusted them too much in Letting so many come into the Fort, unless it has been with a Determination to Destroy them) and the measures you have since pursued in Baffling all their Schemes, fully prove What can be Done by British Soldiers, when Headed by a Resolute & Prudent Officer._

I Have a Letter from Captain Dalyell, of the

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15th July, from Presqu' Isle; Acquainting me of his having Reached that Place, with his Detachment, Consisting of 260 Men, & of his Intentions of Proceeding directly to Joyn You: I Do not Write to him by this Opportunity, but I shall Direct this Letter to Yourself, or to Captain Dalyell, that Whoever may happen to Receive it first, may Open it; And I would have him Remain with You, as long as he thinks he can be of Service to You.. I Cannot sufficiently Commend Captain Dalyell's proposal of Re Establishing the Post at Presqu' Isle: His Behaviour on the Occasion was truly like an Officer; and I am Sorry he was not Seconded in his Design by Major Wilkins; I am however Convinced that the Major Acted, according to the best of his Judgement for the good of the Service, & Security of his own Post; It was only Unlucky that things did not Appear to him in the same Light they Did to Captain Dalyell; and You will have Seen by my former Letters, that the Re Establishing a Post at Presqu' Isle, was the first thing I proposed, after I Learnt the Misfortune that had Befallen Ensign Christie & his Garrison.–

I Hope Captain Dalyell, with his Detachment, will have Arrived safe, as Likewise the Schooner, which Left Niagara, on the 21st July, with 60 Men,

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besides some Seamen with Captain Loring; and that when they have Joyned You, You will have been able to Act Offensively, agreable to the Instructions I Enclosed to You under Cover to Captain Dalyell But the Arrival of the Troops from the Havanna (altho' thin in Numbers, & these Men still Weak by the West India Disorder) has put it in my power to Order such a Force your Way, as, I Trust, will most Effectually Punish the Barbarians, and give peace & Quiet to our Settlements hereafter.—

Captain Le Hunte, with all the Officers & men of 80th now at Fort Wm Augustus, are to be Relieved from Below & will proceed directly to Niagara; and I Have particularly Recommended it to Governor Gage to Send all the Boats, or Batteaus, he can, up to Fort Wm Augustus that Captain Le Hunte may take them, with him, to Niagara, or Leave part of them as he passes Oswego, that they may help to Transport the 46th Regiment, which is now on its March from Albany, & is Likewise Destined for Niagara.— A Light Detachment of 70 men of that Regiment, under the Command of a Captain, I Have Ordered directly to Niagara, without Waiting for the Regiment, and I hope they will Soon be there.—

And I Have been Trying to Form an Ass[...]

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Corps, from the Men lately arrived, who had got their Discharges, from their time of Service being Expired:—I Purposed Forming them in Eight Pla=toons of Twenty Men Each, Commanded by an Officer, with a Serjeant & Corporal; the Whole to be under the Command of Major Gorham: I Have Found some Difficultys in getting the Men to Re-Enter, altho' it is only for Four Months; But as Four of the Platoons are now Compleat, I Send them off, under the Command of Cap=tain St. Gardiner, who will Shew you his Orders; And I hope You will Find good Service from this Little Corps: I shall Endeavor to Compleat the other Four Platoons, if possible.—

What You mention of some of the French Inhabitants being Concerned in Spiriting up the Indians against Us, Surprizes me: I should I=magine it can only be the Traders; But if it can be proved that any of them have, in the least, been Guilty of such Baseness, I would have them Immediately Banished from the Detroit; and that You should take the first Opportunity of Sending them to Montreal, with Advice to Gov=ernor Gage, that they may never be permitted to Return again.—

You may Assure those of the Inhabitants, who,

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upon this Occasion, have Assisted your Garrison, that as their Behaviour has been very Commendable, it shall not be Forgot; but that they certainly will be Rewarded, as Occasion may offer.—

As to Accomodations with the Savages, I Will have None; Untill they have felt our Just Revenge, for the Loss of so many Innocent People; And I must Confess it Surprizes me to Find that You, who Know them so well, should have the Least Faith in any of those Worthless Tribes, so as to Expect they will Ever be prevailed upon to Act against One Another Effectually; Or that they will Remain Quiet, by our Treating them Generously: Punishment, in the Severest Degree, they Deserve from Us; and a proper Chastisement will be the Surest Means of Binding them to their good Behaviour for the future: It Appears to me that Every Nation of Indians that were within Reach of Us, have, more or less, been Concerned in this Insurrection, the Six Nations only Excepted; And their Remaining Quiet has, I Believe, been mostly Owing to Sir Wm Johnson's Influence among them: Indeed the Senecas have been as deeply Concerned in the Mischief as any of the Tribes to the Westward; and I am Determined they

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shall Suffer Severely for it.—

By the Instructions I sent You, You will Perceive, that in Acting Offensively against the Savages, I would have Every Method that can be fallen upon for their Destruction, taken; and I Have only now to Desire, that You will make Known to the Troops under your Command, that Whoever Kills Pontiac, who Seems to have been the Chief Ringleader of the Mischief, shall Receive from me a Reward of One Hundred Pounds, New York Currency; and I Will give the Like Reward to the Person that Kills the Chief, who Advised, or Perpetrated the Murder of Poor Captain Campbell; Whose Death I Regret most Sensibly, as his Entrusting himself in the Hands of the Villains was Entirely Owing to his Generosity in Endeavoring to Save the Garrison.—

Altho' the Orders are come for the Reduction, &ca. of the Several Corps that are to Remain in this Country; Yet as the Service your Way will not Admit of any Alterations to take place in the Corps with You; I Would not have a Word mentioned to the Troops concerning the Reduction; for, untill You have my Orders, Every thing Continues as before: I may however tell you, for your own Information that

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I Intend the 42.^d Regiment, which are now near Fort Pitt, having Left Fort Bedford on the 28.th July, should hereafter Advance from Presqu' Isle to the Détroit, where they will be Stationed: The Detachments of the 60.th, when the Service will Permit, must Joyn the Battalion at Fort Pitt, where it will be Formed, agreable to the New Establishment; and the 46.th Regiment will Garrison Niagara, & the Dependent Posts.—

As all the Reinforcements now Ordered to Niagara, as well as the 42.^d Regiment, which will Advance to Presqu' Isle, are to be entirely under your Command, & at your Disposal, Major Wilkins, while he Commands at Niagara, & Lt. Colonel Browning after he Arrives, keeping only what may be Necessary for Garrisoning that & the Dependent Posts; You will Form them in as many Divisions, or Detachments, as You shall Judge best, for Acting in such an Offensive manner, against the Savages as may most Effectually Reduce them to the utmost Misery, so that the Punishment they Receive may Leave a Lasting Impression of our Just Wrath, which they, by their Treachery & Ingratitude, have Kindled against them.—

In a Letter I Wrote to Major Wilkins of the 3.^d Instant, is the following Paragraph.—

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"You will Continue to Forward to Major Glad-
"win, or Captain Dalyell, all Reinforcements You can
"Spare, Observing that the 46th will hereafter be Quar-
"tered at Niagara; And that all the Royal Ameri-
"cans may be Sent to Presqu' Isle, as the Service
"will Permit, for their Assisting at that Post;
"from whence they may in due time, Joyn the
"Battalion, which will be Formed according to the
"New Establishment."

As the 42d Regiment will be Stationed at the Detroit, & Dependent Posts, during the Winter; it will Answer very well, if You can get two or three Companys of that Regiment forward, Immediately on their Arrival at Presqu' Isle, that You may Employ them, in the Re-Establishing Michillimakinac, & the Upper Posts, as You will not have them to Move again, which must be the Case, if You Send Other Troops: It must also Occur to you to bring the Royal Americans to Presqu' Isle, that they may all go to Pittsburgh in due time: These things however will Depend on Circumstances, of which You will be the Best Judge, by being on the Spot; And I Leave it Entirely to You, to Act as you shall Judge best for the Service, the Punishment of the

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Savages; and the future Security of the Posts.—

I am,

Sir, &ca.

Jeff: Amherst.

Major Gladwin, Commanding at the Detroit.

Endorsed. Copy/ Letter from Sir/ Jeffery Amherst to Major/ Gladwin, Commanding Officer/ at the De=troit/ Dated New York, 10th Augst 1763/ In Answer to the Majors of the/ 8th July/ Laments the Loss of our Un=fortunate/ People, who Fell by the Hands of the/ Bloody Villains: Greatly Commends/ the Spirited & Steady Behaviour of Major/ Gladwin, & his Garrison; and ful=ly/ Informs him of the Formidable Reinforcemts/ now on their way to Joyn him, so that he/ might take am=ple Revenge for the Cruelties/ Committed by the Barbarians: Offers a Reward/ of £100, to any one who Kills Pontiac, the Chief/ of the Ottawas, & the princi=pal Instigator of/ all the Mischief; as also the Like Reward/ to the Person who Kills the Chief who Advised/ or Perpetrated the Murder of Capt. Campbell;/ basely Massa=cred while in their Hands as an/ Hostage, &ca. &ca/ in Sir Jeff: Amherst's, of the/ 13th Augt 1763./ No 5.

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Instructions to Captain Lt. Gardiner.–

It is my Intention that You should Act with the Corps under your Command, Offensively against the Indians; And that No Opportunity may be Lost of Punishing them in the most Effectual manner, for the Enormous Cruelties Committed by them, You have, by these Instructions, a Latitude of Employing your Platoons, as you may think proper, from the Information You may Receive from Sir Wm Johnson, Major Duncan, or Major Wilkins; and in making the best use you can, of the Detachment under your Command, in Attacking the Savages, & Destroying their Hutts & Plantations, before You put Yourself under the Command of Major Gladwin, or Captain Dalyell: Of this You will best Judge, & may Determine, from the Information You will get from Sir Wm Johnson, or from the Intelligence you may Receive from the Majors Duncan & Wilkins.–

The Six Nations are to be Looked on, as Our Firm & Good Friends, & to be Treated accordingly, the Senecas Excepted, who, with all the Other Nations of Indians on the Lakes, have Committed Hostilities, must be Deemed our Enemys, & Used as Such; Not as a Generous Enemy, but as the Vilest Race of Beings that Ever

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Infested the Earth, & whose Riddance from it, must be Esteemed a Meritorious Act, for the good of Mankind.-

You will therefore take no Prisoners; but Put to Death all that Fall into your Hands, of the Nations, who have so Unjustly & Cruelly Committed Depredations.-

It will be Unnecessary, after what has so Recently happened, to Caution you against Trusting to the Indians, in any manner Whatsoever.-

I Have thought proper to promise a Reward of One Hundred pounds to the Man who shall Kill Pontiac, the Chief of the Ottawas, a Cowardly Villain, but who was the first Instigator of the Mischiefs that have been Committed; as also One Hundred Pounds to the Man who Kills the Chief of the Indians, who was the Cause of Captain Campbell's Massacre, when he went out to them, at their Desire as a Friend, and on Promises of his being Sent back Safe.-

These Orders to be Shewn to Major Gladwin, or Captain Dalyell, when You Joyn Either; And You will then Obey such further Orders as You may Receive from Major Gladwin, or Captain Dalyell.- New York 10th. Augst. 1763.

Jeff: Amherst.

Endorsed.-

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Copy 1.

New York, 10th August 1763.

Sir,

Captain Gardiner who is the bearer of this will deliver it to you, if you should be at Fort Johnson or in the Neighbourhood, as he goes up the River, & I shall be much Obliged to you that you will give Captain Gardiner any further Intelligence you may have Received of the Disposition of the Savages since I last heard from you.

The Detachment I am Sending under the Command of the above Officer is merely to Act Offensively against the Nations who have so unjustly & treacherously Commenced Hostilities, & who have used their utmost Efforts to pursue them, and with such a Scene of Cruelty as cannot hereafter be Credited: a Check is given to their Depredations, and a proper Punishment must follow.

The Six Nations on this occasion (Senecas excepted) deserve, and may be assured of every mark of Approbation that can be given them for their firm, & dutifull Attachment to the English; & that they may see a proper Distinction is made, it is highly Necessary that the Senecas should be punished; I shall therefore be

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glad you will give Captain Gardiner any Information you think can be Usefull to him, in Effectually Chastising that Nation; Which is one of the Services I have pointed out to him as Requisite to the future peace & Welfare of His Majestys Subjects.

I am, with great Truth & Regard,

Sir

&c.

Jeff: Amherst.

Sir William Johnson Bar.t

Endorsed. Copy/ Letter from Sir/ Jeffery Amherst to Sir/ William Johnson/ Dated New York, 10th Aug.st 1763/ Acquaints him of the Corps under/ Capt St. Gardiner; and Desires Sir/ Wm will give Capt. St. Gardiner Every/ Information in his power for his/ Executing that part of his Instructions/ relative to the Chastizement of the/ Senecas, who had so ungratefully Joyned in the present Insurrection./ in Sir Jeff: Amherst's of the/ 13th Augt 1763/ No 7.

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Copy 7.

Philadelphia July 21st 1763.—

Sir,

I am to Acknowledge the Honor of your Excellencys Letter of the 16th Instant by Colonel Robertson: who, having Conferred with the Principal persons concerned with me in the Ordering and Management of the Troops to be Raised in this Province, as well as with the Speaker of the Assembly, and Explained, and Enforced upon them, in the strongest manner, Your Excellency's Sentiments and views with respect to the Subject matter of your Letter to me, will be able to Satisfy You, by the Answers he Received, that it is not in my Power to Comply with your Expectations upon that head, without throwing the Province into greater Confusion, than its present unhappy Circumstances have already occasioned—

The people who it is Expected will inlist in the Provincial Service are such, as being Driven from their Farms, the Government was in hopes of Inducing (by the means of Pay & by their being Embodied) to remain upon the Frontiers, in Order to Protect their own Possessions as far as possible, and to prevent the Enemy from Penetrating deep into the Country, untill some

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General plan shall be Formed for Exerting the Force of the Colonies against the Savages.—

These people being acquainted with motives of their being Raised, and Confiding in the Vote of the Legislature, could have no Intention of Inlisting as Common Soldiers, to be Joined to the Regulars and carried away from their Country; and any Step taken by me to Compel them would not only be a Breach of Faith on the part of the Government, but if practicable at all, which I much Doubt, would occasion such a Desertion of the people, as must leave great part of the Province Exposed to the Merciless ravages of the Enemy, For Altho' these Troops, by being Stationed, on the Frontiers are not capable of Protecting the Inhabitants so Effectually as we could wish, yet their very Appearance must Certainly do some good, and serves, as we well know, to keep the People from a General flying away, and giving up all for Lost without a Struggle.— Not to mention, that the withdrawing these Men from Our Frontiers, would be to Act in Direct Contradiction to the Intention, of those who Raised them.—

Having thus mentioned the particular Circumstances the Province is under with Respect to the Matter in Question, I have only to Lament

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that it is not in my Power, to Contribute, on this urgent occasion, to His Majesty's Service, in the way your Excellency is pleased to Desire.

I have the Honor to be with the greatest Respect-

Sir

&ca.

James Hamilton-

Sir Jeffery Amherst.-

Endorsed Copy/. Letter from Governor/ Hamilton to Sir Jeffery/ Amherst./ Dated Philadelphia, 21st July 1763/ Containing the Reasons why/ he could not Comply with the / General's Request to put the / Troops Voted by the Assembly of / Pensylvania, under the Command/ of Colonel Bouquet, &ca./ In Sir Jeff: Amherst's, of the 13th / Augst 1763/ No. 8.

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Strength of the Regiments that Arrived at New York from the Havana; 29th July 1763.—

Regiments.	Officers Included.
15th.	252.
27th.	293.
28th.	208.
40th.	212.
46th.	257.
Total.—	1222.

N. B. In the Above Total are Included, 240, Who are, Sick Absent, Prisoners with the Enemy, Re=commended, On Command, Recruiting, & On Furlough.—

Endorsed. Strength of the | Regiments, that ar=rived | at New York, from the | Havana, 29th July 1763 | In Sir Jeff: Amhersts, of the | 13th Augt. 1763. | No. 9.

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Acco.t of the Transports in the Service at New York, 13th Aug.st 1763.

English Transports.	Marlborough	Tho.s Wills	625.
	Amity's Good Intent	John Blanchard	199.
	Neptune	Edw.d Symonds	234
	Venus	W.m Duffield	317.

The Monckton, Edw.d Sneed Master of 280 Tons, an American Transport, is gone to Newfoundland, Louisbourg, &ca., with Orders for the Arrangement of the Troops at those Places.

N. B. The Above is agreable to the List transmitted the 23.d July 1763; Since that time, the following Vessells have Arrived, from the Havana, Viz.t

		Tons	
Briton	Josias Hutchinson	272	With Discharged men
Prince George	And.w Harper	212	
Fraternity	Fra.s Fox		15th Regim.t
King George	Peter Thomson		
Amity's Benediction	John Herbert		27th Regim.t
Felicity	Dennis Mc Crachan		28th Regim.t
Minerva	Henry Lawson		40th Regim.t
Ward	John Holby		46th Regim.t

The Minerva is gone with the 40th Regiment to Halifax; Which, with another Vessell that will be Sent thither, will Serve to Carry home the Companys of the Royal, & Montgomerys.

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The Neptune: Amity's Good Intent: & Briton, are gone to Quebec, with the Baggage of the Regts Ordered to Canada; and are afterwards to Carry home the 47th & 78th Regiments.

The Venus is getting Ready to proceed to Flor=ida & Louisianne, with Provisions, Stores, &ca. And there will likewise be a Brig & Three Sloops, Sent on the Same Service_

Endorsed Acct of the Transports in| the Service at New York.| the 13th August 1763.| In Sir Jeff: Am=herst's of the| 13th Aug: 1763.| No. 10.

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Disposition of His Majesty's Forces in North America.

Where Stationed	Regiments, or Corps, &ca.
St John's With the Isle of Buoys, Newfoundland	One Company & a Half of Boscawen's. Half a company of Royal Artillery
Placentia. Newfoundland	One Company & a Half of Boscawen's. Half a Company of Royal Artillery.
Cape Breton, & its Dependencies Including the Island of St. Johns.	Six Companys of Boscawen's Royal Artillery - 1 Gunner & 4. Mattrosses, from the Compy. in Nova Scotia
Nova Scotia	Armiger's: 5 Companys .. Halifax & Dependent Posts; 2 Ditto ...... Fort Cumberland; 1 Ditto ...... Annapolis; 1 Ditto ..... Fort Frederick, St. John's. Royal Artillery, One Company, Divided among the Several Posts, & giving the 5 men as above to Louisbourg.
Quebec, & its Dependencies	Amherst's, Warburton's, 2d. Batt: Royl. Amer: — Detaching Five Companys to the Government of Trois Rivieres Royal Artillery, One Company.
Trois Rivieres, & its Dependencies.	Five Compleat Companys from the Corps in Quebec Government. Royal Artillery, 1 Serjt. 2 Gunners, & 4 Mattrosses, from the Compy. at Montreal.
Montreal, & its Dependencies.	Townshend's, Abercromby's — Detaching Five Compleat Compys. to Crown Point & Ticonderoga Royal Artillery. One Company — Detaching 1 Second Lieut:, 1 Corpl., 1 Bombr. 3 Gunrs., 7 matrosses, & 1 Drumr. to Fort Wm. Augustus; & the 7 men as above to Trois Rivieres.

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Crown Point...	Four Companys, from the Corps in Montreal Government. Royal Artillery.. 1 Capt: 1 First Lt 1 Sergt 1 Corpl 1 Bombr 4 Gunrs 10 Matts 1 Fifer & 1 Drum.
Tienderoga....	One Company, from the Corps in Montreal Governmt. Royal Artillery - 1 Second Lieut: 1 Corpl 1 Bombr 2 Gunrs & 7 Matts.

N.B. Orders have been already Sent for Fixing the above, according to the New Establishment; and the Following is the Intended Disposition of the Rest of the Troops, which will be Settled as soon as the Service will Permit.

Where to be Stationed.	Regiments, or Corps, &ca.
Oswego, West & East End of Oneida Lake, Fort Stanwix; Fort Edward & Fort George.	Moncktons. Royal Artillery: One Company, Divided among the Four First Posts; & Detachmts from the Company at Crown Point, to Fort George & Fort Edward.
Niagara; Presque Isle & Fort Wm Augustus..	Lt General Murray's. Royal Artillery.. One third of the Detroit Compy at Niagara; 15 of the Pittsburgh Compy at Presqu' Isle; & the Detachmt as above mentioned from Montreal, at Fort Wm Augustus.
Detroit; Michillimakinac, & Posts above.	Lord John Murray's. Royal Artillery... Two Thirds of a Company.

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Where to be Stationed.	Regiments, or Corps, &ca.
Fort Pitt............	Six Companys of the 1st Battn. Royal A=mericans. Royal Artillery: One Company; giving the De=tachment as mentioned on the Other Side, to Presqu' Isle.
South Carolina.....	Three Companys of the 1st. Battn. Royal Amer.s to Replace the Independent Com=panys, which are to be Reduced.
Louisianne, & its Depen=dencies............	Gage's. Cavendish's Royal Artillery; One Company.
Florida, & its Dependencies	Seven Companys of Whitmore's. Otway's. Royal Artillery; one Company
Providence, Bahama..	One Company of Whitmore's, to Replace the Comp.y of Indep.ts: which are to be Reduced.
Bermudas.........	One Company of Whitmore's, to Replace the Comp.y of Indep.ts which are to be Reduced.

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Endorsed. Disposition of His Majesty's | Forces in North America | Aug.st 1763 | In Sir Jeffery Amhersts of the | 13th. Aug.st 1763 | No. 11.

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My Lord,

General Amherst was pleased to charge me with Dispatches for your Lordship, Which I hoped to have had the honor of delivering to your Lordship, but having been Seized with a Fever on the passage from New York, hither, has Exhausted me so much, that I am render'd incapable of proceeding from hence for some days. Therefore have thought it most proper to deliver the Dispatches to the Postmaster of this Town, in order to have them forward'd to your Lordship, in the Most Expeditious Manner.

I am

My Lord

your Lordship's

Most Humble

and Most Obedient Servant,

Arthur Price.

Captain in His Majesty's

(47th) Regiment.

Falmouth

August 20th 1763

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New York 3^d September 1763.

My Lord.

As there is no Packet here at present, I take the occasion of sending this by a Transport, in which I am embarking some Officers belonging to the Regiments, that are gone to England, and some Invalids, to acquaint your Lordship of such Occurrences as have happened since my Letter of 13th August by the Harriott Packet.

On the 10th of last month Colonel Bouquet got his Convoy into Fort Pitt, after having been attacked on the 5th & 6th, by a very numerous body of Savages, which he repulsed and defeated, tho not without some loss on our Side. Captain Lieut: Graham and Lieut: James Mc Intosh of the 42d being killed with an officer of Rangers, and four Officers wounded in the whole 49 were killed and 60 wounded: as I have the honour to transmit to your Lordship Colonel Bouquet's Letters with my Answers, and the account I made publick here of that Affair, I need not repeat the praises due to the Troops for their behaviour, clogged as they were, with a large but necessary Convoy, and on a very untoward Communication.

I acquainted Your Lordship in my last Letter, that I should send Lt. Colonel Robertson to

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Florida and Louissiane he sailed from hence on the 26th with all the recruiting Parties belonging to the Regi=ments there, and some Drafts and Recruits of which I inclose your Lordship a list, and Copies of my In=structions to the Lieut: Colonel, which I hope will meet with His Majesty's Gracious Approbation.

last night I received Letters from Major Glad=win at the Detroit of the 8th & 11th August, inform=ing me of Captain Dalyel's, my Aid de Camp, Arrival there, with the Detachment under his command on the 29th July, and on the 31st Major Gladwin gave him the Command of a Detach=ment of 247 men, at his own Request to attempt to surprize the Indian Camp: this Attempt which was well concerted, and I make not the least doubt would have fully succeeded, had not the Sav=ages been apprised of it, failed, and I lament most sensibly the loss of Captain Dalyell, as a brave and good Officer, who fell in trying to bring off some wounded Men from the hands of the Savages: we also lost in this Affair 18 men. 3 Officers and 38 men wounded.

I have not been able to make any further pro=gress in forming the Corps upon the new Establish=ment, than what I have before informed Your Lord=ship of: this Insurrection of the Indians, appears

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to be very general, and to quell it, demands fully the Force we have: it does great Mischief and must cost many lives, yet I cannot but think it happy for this Country that it has broke out now, for had it laid concealed, to a time of profound Peace, they would probably have extended their Ravages much farther.

I enclose all such Papers, as I think can tend, to give your Lordship full information of the State of Affairs here, and beg leave to assure you, I shall use my best Endeavours, in doing every thing for the good of His Majesty's Service.

I have the honour to be with the utmost Respect

My Lord

Your Lordship's

Most Humble

And most Obedient Servant

Jeffery Amherst.

Right Honourable
Earl of Egremont.

Endorsed. New York. Sept.r 3.d 1763/ Sir Jeffery Am-herst,/ Rp 14.th October {from Major Loixel

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Schedule of Papers Referred to, in M: General Sir Jeffery Amherst's Letter to The Right Honble. The Earl of Egremont, Bearing Date New York, 3^d. September 1763._

N°. 1. Copy of Letter from Colonel Bouquet to Sir Jeffery Amherst; Acquainting the General of his having been Engaged with a Considerable Body of Indians, near Bushy Run within 26 Miles of Fort Pitt, & that the Action Continued from One o'Clock 'till Evening, when he Wrote this Letter; Our Troops having always Repulsed the Savages, but were Obliged to Cover the Convoy, & Wounded for that Night &c. 5th. Aug^st 1763.

N°. 2. D^o. ..... Sir Jeffery Amherst's Answer: Replys on the Firmness of the Troops, & the good Conduct of the Officers, to Defeat all the Attempts of the Savages; Regrets the Loss of the Officers Killed, and Encloses Commissions to those in Succession &c^a. &c^a. .... 25th. Aug^st.

N°. 3 D^o. ...... Letter from Colonel Bouquet to Sir Jeffery Amherst; Containing the particulars of a Second Action with the Savages near Bushy Run, on the 6th August, when they were totally Routed, our Troops pursuing the Indians for

some Distance, & Killing many in the Flight, &ca;- The Behavior of both Officers & men in the two Actions does great Credit to themselves & Reflects Honor on His Majestys Arms .... 6 Augst

No. 4 Do..... Return of Killed, Wounded, & Missing, in the two Actions with the Indians, near Bushy Run on the 5th & 6th (Enclosed in the Foregoing)

No. 5th Do..... Letter from Do. to Do. Acquaints the General of the Arrival of the Troops at Fort Pitt, without further Molestation from the Savages, Excepting a few Random Shots, which did no Execution: highly Commends the Behavior of the Commanding Officer & Garrison of Fort Pitt, during the time that Post had been Closely Beset by the Savages, &ca... 11th Aug. 1763.

No. 6. Copy/... Speech made to the Commanding Officer at Fort Pitt by the very Indians, who Afterwards Attacked Colonel Bouquet's Detachment near Bushy Run: with Captain Ecuyer's Answer. 26th & 27th July

No. 7 Do..... Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst to Colonel Bouquet: Acknowledging his Letters of the 6th & 11th August; Approves

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greatly of the Colonel's Disposition for Receiving of the Indians on the 6th which, with the Bravery of the Troops, Secured Success: Acquaints him of his having Wrote to Lt. Governor Fauquier, & Colonel Stephen, to Employ part of the Body of Virginia Volunteers under the Command of Colonel Stephen, at Fort Bedford, in Attacking & Destroying the Shawnese Towns on the Banks of the Ohio; & therefore Desires Colonel Bouquet will Concert the proper Measures for Effecting this Seasonable Stroke, by giving Colonel Stephen all the Assistance in his power of men, Boats, &ca. &ca. ...... 31st Augst

No. 8. Do. .... Relation of Colonel Bouquet's Defeat of the Body of Indians, who Attacked his Little Army near Bushy Run, on the 5th & 6th August as published by Order of Sir Jeffery Amherst in the New York Papers, the 29th August 1763...

No. 9. Do. .... Letter from Lt. Governor Fauquier to Sir Jeffery Amherst; That Immediately on the Receipt of the General's Letter of the 20th June, he had Advised

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with his Council, & Come to a Resolu=
=tion of Assembling the Militia, which
by Law he was Empowered to Do: That
in Consequence thereof One Thousand
Men would be Immediately Raised; 500
for the protection of the North West
Frontier, under the Command of Co=
=lonel Stephen; & the Like Number, un=
=der the Command of Colonel Lewis
for the Defence of the South West
Frontiers &ca. - The Lt Governor hints
that it is Believed in Virginia that
all the Mischief done on their Back
Settlements has been by the Northern
Indians ------------------------ 2d Augst 1763

No. 10. Copy/. Sir Jeffery Amherst's Answer; High=
=ly Commending the Measures the Lt
Governor had taken for assembling
the Militia: And that he should not
fail to Acquaint Sir William John=
=son of what he mentioned concerning
the Northern Indians &ca. ---------- 21st Augst

No. 11 Do. ----- Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst to
Lt Governor Fauquier; Acquaints the
Lt Governor of his Intentions of Em=
=ploying part of Colonel Stephens's

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Volunteers, if the Colonel can prevail upon them to Undertake it, in Destroying the Shawnese Settlements on the Banks of the Ohio; And that he Should Write to Colonel Bouquet to give Every assistance in his power for Effecting this Seasonable Stroke, from Fort Pitt, &ca. .... 29th Augst

No. 12 Extract/. Letter from Captain Ourry, Commanding Officer at Fort Bedford; Advising the General of the Arrival of Colonel Stephen, with a Body of Virginia Volunteers at Fort Cumberland &ca. .... 17th Augst

No. 13. Extract/. Sir Jeffery Amherst's Answer; Enclosing a Letter to Colonel Stephen, Desiring him to Employ the Volunteers under his Command in forwarding Supplys to Fort Pitt, & Securing the Communication &ca. .. 25th Augst

No. 14. Copy/. Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst to Colonel Stephen; Desiring him to Employ the Body of Virginia Volunteers under his Command, in furnishing Escorts to the Supplys for the Troops at Fort Pitt; and in Securing the Communication &ca. .... 25th Augst

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No. 15. D°..... Letter from Sir William Johnson to Sir Jeffery Amherst; Expressing his Apprehensions of the Western Indians attempting to cutt him off; & therefore Desiring to have a Guard for his House &ca. &ca. .... 30th. July 1763

No. 16 Copy.. Sir Jeffery's Answer: Acquaints Sir William of the particulars he had Learnt of the Behaviour of Major Gladwin & his Garrison in Defeating all the Attempts of the Indians: That he should Order a Party to Guard his House, if Sir William thought One absolutely Necessary; & Encloses him a Copy of Intelligence Just received from an Officer that had been on the Frontiers of Virginia, of the Six Nations being Concerned in the Depredations Committed in those parts, &ca. .... 14th Augst.

No. 17 D°..... Information of Captain Baugh of the 55th Regimt. Concerning the Indians, on the Frontiers of Virginia.

(Enclosed in the foregoing)

No. 18 D°..... Letter from Sir William Johnson to Sir Jeffery Amherst; In Answer to

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a former Letter from the General re-
-garding the Insignificancy of the
Stockbridge Indians was............ 4th Augst

No. 19 Do..... Sir Jeffery's Answer: Acquaints Sir
William that, When the Savages are
Sufficiently Punished, he Shall think
of giving them Peace, but not 'till
then; When he will Desire Sir Will-
-iam's Service, being persuaded no
One was so fit for Settling an Af-
-fair of that Kind as himself: The
General Encloses an Extract of Lt Gov-
-ernor Fauquier's Letter, accusing the
Northern Indians of being Concerned
in the Depredations Committed on
the Frontiers of Virginia.......... 20th Augst

No. 20 Do..... Letter from Sir William Johnson
to Sir Jeffery Amherst. In Answer to
the General's of the 10th August by
Captain Gardiner, That he had given
that Officer all the Advice & Intelli-
-gence in His power for Conducting
himself on the Service he was Sent
upon; but Seems to think it Danger-
-ous to make an Attempt on the Sene-
-cas Settlements with so Small a

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Force, &c.ª Sir William adds that the
Intended to have another Meeting with
the Six Nations at the German Flatts. 20th Augst 1763.

No. 21 Copy/ Sir Jeffery's Answer; Approves of the Intended Meeting with the Six Nations; But Assures Sir William that Every Tribe of Savages that have Engaged in the present perfidious Conspiracy shall feel our Just Wrath, before Peace is Granted to them, &c.ª .... 27th Augst

No. 22 Extract/ Letter from Colonel Forster, Commanding Officer at Halifax to Sir Jeffery Amherst; Acquainting the General of the Steps taken by him for Reinforcing the Outposts in Nova Scotia, on an Alarm from the Indians in those Parts. .... 2d Augst

No. 23 Extract/ Sir Jeffery's Answer; Approves Entirely of the Measures taken by Colonel Forster, for Reinforcing the Outposts in Nova Scotia on the Intelligence of the Indians Assembling there, &c.ª 23d Augst

No. 24. Copy/ Letter from Governor Boone to Sir Jeffery Amherst; Containing Some Hints regarding the Trade to be

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Carried on with the Indians at Flori=
=da, and Louisianne &ca. . . . . 29th July
No. 25 Do. . . . Sir Jefferys Answer; That he Should
take Care to order the Commanding
Officers at Florida & Louisianne to be
very Circumspect regarding the Trade
to be Carried on with the Indians in those Parts &c. 14th Augt.
No. 26 Do. . . . Letter from Mr. Stuart, Agent for
Indian Affairs, in the Southern Dis=
trict, to Sir Jeffery Amherst; Regard=
=ing Several Matters in his Depart=
=ment; & of the Necessity of proper
Regulations for Carrying on a Trade
with the Indians in the Ceded
Countrys of Florida & Louisianne, &ca. 30th July
No. 27 Copy/. Sir Jefferys Answer; That he Should
Write particularly to the Command=
=ing Officers at Florida & Louisianne,
for Keeping the Trade with the In=
=dians in those Countrys under
proper Regulations &ca. . . . . 14th Augt. 1763.
No. 28 Extract/ Letter from Major Gladwin, Command=
=ing Officer at the Detroit to Sir
Jeffery Amherst; Enclosing a Detail
of the Unsuccessfull Attempt made
by a Body of Troops under the Com=

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-mand of Captain Dalyell, to Surprize
the Indian's Camp near the Detroit;
in which Attempt Captain Dalyell
Lost his Life .... 8th Augst.

No. 29 Copy/. Detail of the Abovementioned Affair.
(Enclosed in the foregoing)

No. 30 Do. .... Return of the Killed & Wounded.
(Likewise Enclosed in the foregoing)

No. 31 Extract/. Letter from Do. to Do. Acquaints the
General of the Savages having Re-
-ceived Some Reinforcements & that
they Still Continued to Invest his
post, &ca. .... 11th Augst.

No. 32 Copy/. Sir Jeffery Amherst's Instructions
to Lt. Colonel Robertson; on Send-
-ing him with the Orders for the
Arrangement of the Troops, &ca. at
Florida & Louisianne .... 24th Augst.

No. 33 Do. ..... Sir Jeffery Amherst's Orders to the
Officers Commanding at Florida
& Louisianne Sent with Lt. Colonel
Robertson for the Settlement of Every
thing in those Countrys. .... 23d. Augst.

No. 34 Do. .... Do. ..... Additional Orders to Do. ...... 24th Augst.

No. 35 Do. .... Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst to
the Governors, or Commanders in

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Chief for the time being, of His Maj=
=esty's Islands of Providence & Bermu=
=das; Acquainting them of his Sending
Companys of the 9th Regiment to Re=
=place the Independents, in their Re=
=spective Governments, which are to
be Disbanded .... 23d Augst

No. 36 Do. .... Sir Jeffery Amherst's Orders to the
Troops at Florida & Louisianne; to Obey
Lt. Colonel Robertson as their Command=
=ing Officer, &ca. .... 24th. Augst.

No. 37 Do. .... Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst to
the Governor of New Orleans; Request=
=ing him to give Lt. Colonel Robertson
all the Information he Could con-
=cerning the Country Ceded to
Great Britain by the 7th. Article of
the Treaty of Peace, &ca. .... 23d. Augst. 1763

No. 38 Copy of Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst to
Lt. Colonel Robertson Enclosing an Or=
=der on the Dep: Paymr. General, for
£1000 Sterling; for the Extraordin=
=ary Expences that may be Incurred
at Florida and Louisianne .... 24th. Augst.

No. 39 Do. .... Return of Provisions Shipt, & Intend=
=ed to be Shipt, at New York for the

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Troops in Florida & Louisianne ..... 22d. Augst.

No. 40 Do. .... List of the Transports under the Direction of Lt. Colonel Robertson; Intended for Florida & Louisianne; With the particulars on On Board Each Vessele. .... 24th. Augst.

No. 41 Do. .... Letter from Captain Gualy Commanding Officer at St. John's Newfoundland to Sir Jeffery Amherst; Being in Answer to the General's Letter to him of the 4th. May, Directing him, in Obedience to the King's Commands, Signifyed by the Earl of Egremont, to Transmit an Account of what had passed between Governor Graves & him, Relative to the Command at St. John's; the former having Complained that Captain Gualy had Refused to Obey him as Governor &ca. .... 23d. June

Endorsed. Schedule of Papers/ Referred to in M. General/ Sir Jeffery Amherst's Letter/ to the Right Honble. The/ Earl of Egremont, Dated/ New York, 3d. Septemr. 1763/ In Sr. Jeffery Amherst's,/ of the 3d. Septr. 1763.

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Copy 1. Camp at Edge Hill, 26 Miles from Fort Pitt,

5th August 1763.

Sir,

The Second Instant the Troops and Convoy Arrived at Ligonier, where I could Obtain no Intelligence of the Enemy: The Expresses Sent since the beginning of July, having been Either Killed, or obliged to Return, all the Passes being Occupied by the Enemy: In this uncertainty I Determined to Leave all the Waggons with the Powder, and a Quantity of Stores & Provisions, at Ligonier; And on the 4th proceeded with the Troops, and about 340 Horses Loaded with Flour.

I Intended to have Halted to Day at Bushy Run (a Mile beyond this Camp) and after having Refreshed the Men & Horses, to have Marched in the Night over Turtle Creek, a very Dangerous Defile of Several Miles, Commanded by High & Craggy Hills: But at One o'Clock this afternoon after a March of 17 Miles, the Savages suddenly Attacked our Advanced Guard, which was Immediately Supported by the two Light Infantry Companies of the 42d Regiment, Who Drove the Enemy from their Ambuscade, & pursued them a good Way. The Savages Returned to the Attack, and the Fire being Obstinate on our Front, & Extending

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along our Flanks. We made a General Charge, with the Whole Line, to Dislodge the Savages from the Heights, in which Attempt We Succeeded; without Obtaining by it any Decisive Advantage; for as soon as they were Driven from one Post, they Appeared on Another, 'till by continual Reinforcements, they were at last able to Surround Us, & Attacked the Convoy left in our Rear: This Obliged us to March Back to protect it. The Action then became General & though We were Attacked on Every Side and the Savages Exerted themselves with Uncommon Resolution, they were constantly Repulsed with Loss. We also Suffered considerably: Capt: Lieut: Graham, & Lieut: James Mc Intosh of the 42d are Killed, & Capt: Graham Wounded.—

Of the Royal Amern Regt Lieut: Dow, who Acted as A. D. Q. M. G. is Shot through the Body.

Of the 77th Lieut: Donald Campbell, & Mr Peebles, a Volunteer, are Wounded.

Our Loss in men, Including Rangers, & Drivers, Exceeds Sixty, Killed or Wounded.—

The Action has Lasted from one o'clock till Night, And We Expect to Begin again at Day Break.

Whatever Our Fate may be, I thought it Necessary to give Your Excellency this Early In-

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-formation, that You may, at all Events, take such Measures as You will think proper with the Provinces, for their own Safety, and the Effectual Relief of Fort Pitt, as in Case of Another Engagement, I Fear Insurmountable Difficulties in protecting & Transporting our Provisions, being already so much Weakened by the Losses of this Day in Men & Horses; besides the Additional Necessity of Carrying the Wounded, Whose Situation is truly Deplorable.–

I Cannot Sufficiently Acknowledge the Constant Assistance I have Received from Major Campbell, during this Long Action; Nor Express my Admiration of the Cool & Steady Behaviour of the Troops, Who Did not Fire a Shot, without Orders, and Drove the Enemy from their Posts with Fixed Bayonets.– The Conduct of the Officers is much above my Praises.–

I Have the Honor to be, with great Respect,

Sir, &ca.

Henry Bouquet.

His Excellency

Sir Jeffery Amherst.

Endorsed. Copy/. Letter from Colonel/ Bouquet to Sir Jeffery Amherst/ {Dated Camp at Edge Hill within 26 miles of Fort Pitt} 5th August 1763/ Acquainting the General of his having/ been Engaged

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Copy /

New York, 25th August 1763_

Sir,

I am to Own your Letter of the 5th Instant, which I received the Day before Yesterday; And I Should have been very glad had it been Dated from Fort Pitt; Altho' I Have no Doubt but you will have Reached that Post, the Day after; for the Resolution & Steadiness of your Little Army. which you so much Commend, will, I trust, have Enabled you to Baffle any future Attempts of the Savages._

I Regret the Loss of Captain St. Graham & Lieut: Mc Intosh, And am Extremely Sorry for those that are Wounded; But I hope the Latter will Recover: The Savages, no Doubt have Mustered up all their Strength on the Communication, to attack you; and their way of Fighting would Lead them to Fall upon the Weakest part the Rear, when they found they Could make no Impression on the Front: Your Convoy was too Essential an Article to be Left Behind, otherwise the pursuing of the Savages when once they gave way, would have been the Surest Method of making the Advantage you had gained Decisive._

Upon this Occasion I have thought proper

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to Appoint Lieut Balneavis, who Altho' not the Senior Lieutenant belonging to the Regiment, is the Eldest on Service, to the Captain Lieutenancy; And I here=with Enclose you a Commission to him accord=ingly. The Behavior of Mr. Peebles, on former Oc=casions, particularly at Newfoundland, and his be=ing Wounded now, makes me break thro' the Orders I Have Received from His Majesty Respecting the Reduced Officers, that I may provide for him; as I Flatter Myself the King will be graciously pleased to Approve thereof; And I Enclose you a Commission Appointing Mr. Peebles to be Ensign in the 42d Regi=ment which you will please to Deliver to him; Acquainting both Captain Lt. Balneavis & Ensign Peebles that they have no Fees to pay for those Commissions._

The Infatuated Obstinacy of the People in power of the Province of Pensylvania, Renders any further Application from me Unnecessary, as they have not paid the Least Regard to the Press=ing Instances, I have from time to time, Urged to the Governor for Exerting themselves like Men, in the Defence of the Lives & Propertys of the Back Settlers; But I have a very Different Account from Virginia; for the Lt. Governor on Immediately on the Receipt of my Letter, Desiring him to Concert the

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properest Methods for the protection of that Colony, by Virtue of the Militia Law, which happily Subsists there, gave Orders for Assembling One Thousand Men, in two Bodys, of 500 Each, giving the Command to Colonel Stephen & Colonel Lewis; The Former, I Find, by a Letter from Captain Curry of the 17th Instant, & which came to Hand with Yours, had Reached Fort Cumberland, with about 400 Men; And that he had on his March thither by a Detachment Routed a Party of Indians; Killed & Scalped One; Wounded Several; & Recovered two Prisoners & three Scalps: A Spirit like this, will soon Intimidate the Villains; And as I am Sensible you will not have Men to Spare for Escorting the Provisions &ca, when you Send forward the Troops to Presqu' Isle, according to my former Orders, I Write to Colonel Stephen, Desiring him to Employ his Men on the Communication for its Security, & likewise in such Offensive Scouts as may be judged Necessary, for Clearing the Country of any partys of Savages, that may be lurking for an Opportunity to do Mischief.—

I have also a Letter from Governor Sharpe, Informing me that he had furnished the Commanding Officers of the Militia on the Frontiers of Maryland with Arms & Ammunition, & Likewise sent

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Instructions to the Commanding Officers for Assembling the Militia; & Acting Offensively against the Indians as Occasion might Require.—

Captain Carry will Inform you that I Have Directed Messrs Plumstead & Franks, to Forward what Provisions he may Demand for the Troops with you: Sir John St Clair has unluckily been taken Ill, & is at Trenton, but I shall Order him to the Communication again, so soon as he is able to go.—

I am in Hourly Expectation of Receiving good News from the Detroit; As the Reinforcements, with Captain Dalyell and Captain Loring, must have Reached that place long ago; And the 46th & 80th with Other Detachments, will be at Niagara, in a very Short time; So that I Have no Doubt but you will Soon find that the Spirit of the Savages will begin to Fall.—

I Have only at present to Add, that the Commendations you give to Major Campbell and all the Officers & Men under your Command, when Attacked by the Indians, & during the Whole of that Affair, give me a very Sensible Pleasure, And to Assure you that I am,

Sir,

&ca.—

Jeff: Amherst.

Colonel Bouquet.

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(Copy.) Return of Killed & Wounded in the Two Ac[tions]

August 1763.

Corps.	Captains	
	Killed	Wounded
42.d Or Royal Highlanders	1	1
60.th Or Royal Americans	..	..
77.th Or Montgomery's Highlanders	..	..
Volunteers, Rangers and Pack-horse Men	..	..
Total	1	1

Captain St. John Graham of the 42.d Regt.
Lieut: — McIntosh of — Do.
Lieut Joseph Randal of the Rangers
} Killed.

Captain — John Graham of the 42.d Regt.
Lieut: Duncan Campbell of Do.
Lieut: James Dow of the 60th Do.
Lieut Donald Campbell of the 77th Do.
Volunteer Mr. Peebles of Do.
} Wounded.

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-tions at Edge Hill near Bushy Run the 5th and 6th of

Lieutenants		Volunteers		Serjeants		Corporals		Drummers		Private		
Killed	Wounded	Killed	Wounded	Killed	Wounded	Killed	Wounded	Killed	Wounded	Killed	Wounded	Missing
1	1	..	..	1	2	1	3	..	1	25	27	..
..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	6	4	..
..	1	..	1	..	3	..	..	1	..	5	7	..
1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	8	5
2	3	..	1	1	5	2	3	1	1	43	46	5.

Total... Killed 50

Wounded......60

Missing........5

Total of the whole 115

Henry Bouquet.

Copy.

Fort Pitt, 11th August 1763.

Sir,

We Arrived here yesterday, without further Opposition than Scattered Shots along the Road.

The Delawares, Shawnese, Wiandots, & Mingoes, had closely Beset, and Attacked this Fort from the 27th July, to the First Instant, when they Quitted it to March against Us.—

The Boldness of those Savages is hardly Credible; they had taken Post under the Banks of both Rivers, close to the Fort, where Digging Holes, they kept an Incessant Fire, and threw Fire Arrows: They are Good Marksmen, and though our People were under Cover, they Killed One, & Wounded Seven.— Captain Ecuyer is Wounded in the Leg by an Arrow.— I would not Do Justice to that Officer, should I Omit to Inform Your Excellency that, without Engineer, or any other Artificers than a few Ship-Wrights, he has Raised a Parapet of Logs round the Fort, above the Old One, which having not been Finished, was too Low, & Enfiladed; He has Fraised the Whole, palisadoed the Inside of the Area, Constructed a Fire Engine; and in short, has taken all Precautions which Art & Judgement could Suggest for the Preservation of this

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Post, open before on the Three Sides, which has Suffered by the Floods.— The Inhabitants have acted with Spirit against the Enemy, and in the Repairs of the Fort, Captain Ecuyer Expresses an Entire Satisfaction of their Conduct.—

The Artillery, & the small number of Regulars have Done their Duty with Distinction.—

As nothing more can be Done to this Post, for the Present, I Send Captain Basset, with my Letters, to give you an Exact Report of its Actual Condition, and Answer any Question you may be Pleased to Ask him, concerning our March & Engagements, in which he has been of very great Service to me.— Hee has been so long in a Bad State of Health, and his Disorder increasing upon him, I Cannot help Recommending him to Your Excellency's Indulgence: The Doctors, under whose Care he was for a Considerable time, have Assured him, that nothing but a Long Course of the Salt Water was likely to Do him any Good.—

I Have not Received as yet any Intelligence from Presqu' Isle & the Detroit; and all the Savages beyond this River having now Openly Declared against Us. It is Become Impossible for me to procure any Intelligence from those Posts: And after the Heavy Loss We have Sustained, the Troops We

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have Left will barely be Sufficient for the Service of this Department, and Escorts of Provisions.–

Major Campbell, with 400 Men, goes back to Ligonier, to Bring up the Remains of our Convoy: All Useless People go down, at the same time.–

The Lieutenant, & some of the few Rangers, I had Raised for our March, have been Killed: I Write to Captain Carry to Pay the Rest off at Bedford, and Transmit the Accompt of the Expence to Your Excellency which I Flatter Myself You will be Pleased to Allow.

Unless Trusty Indians could be Employed, it is very Doubtfull Whether I shall Receive your Letters, as it is probable, the Enemy will Keep Spies upon the Road, to Obtain Intelligence of our Intentions; and give themselves time to provide for the Safety of their Families, when their own Towns will be Threatened.–

Had the Provinces Assisted us, this would have been the Favorable moment to have Crushed the Barbarians; a Service We cannot Effect with Our Forces Alone; the Carriage of the Wounded, after Every Action, being a Cruel Incumbrance upon a Few Troops Acting in the Woods, at a Distance from Posts.

You will please to Observe, by the State of

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our Provisions here, that We shall Want Another Supply: I Don't Expect above Twenty Thousand Weight of Flour more from Ligonier, & no Meat: I Trust the Provinces will Furnish the Escorts.—

At the Request of Major Campbell, I Have the Honor to Recommend to Your Excellency Mr. Patrick Balneavis, the Eldest Lieutenant with the 42d. Regimt. to Succeed to the Captain Lieutenancy, Vacant by the Death of Captain St. Graham, Killed the 5th. And, if You are pleased to Grant that Favor to that Deserving Officer, there will be Two Vacancys more, for which the Major Desires I would Recommend Lieut. Charles Menzies, & Lieut: John Mc. Intosh as the two Eldest Lieutenants here of the 2d. Battn. who Chuse to Remain on Full pay.—

I Cannot Omit to mention the only Volunteer with Us, Mr. Peebles, Dangerously Wounded.—

I Have the Honor to be, with the greatest Respect,

Sir,

&c.

Henry Bouquet.

His Excellency
Sir Jeffery Amherst.

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Copy!

Fort Pitt, 26th July 1763.—

At a meeting with Shingas, Tessecumme, Grey Eyes, Wingenum Turtles Hart, Captain Johnny, Maumaltie, all principal Men and Warriors of the Delawares: and Big Wolf, with Four other Shawnese.

Shingas spoke as Follows.

Brothers,

I am glad it has pleased God we should live to meet and speak together this day in Friendship. Then Addressing himself to his own People desired them to Observe what was going to be said to us.

Tessecomme then taking out a large belt spoke

Brothers.

It gives us a great deal of Satisfaction to have this Opportunity of renewing our Ancient Friendship; and we are much obliged to you for Sending us this small Set of Colours as a token of your Friendship by which we are this day en=abled to speak together.

Brothers.— Listen now with Attention to what I am going to say.

As it has been always your desire that we Should hold fast by the Chain of Friendship; I

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now assure you that we have always done it and do it Still, and we hope you do the same, it is now in your Power to Continue it.

Brothers,

On your first coming to this Place, we were the first Nation you Contracted a Friendship with; after this you Extended a Belt of Friendship across this Country the End of which reached those Nations over the Lakes towards the Sun setting; Then as we were Situated in the Centre between you (of this Country) you requested that We would hold fast by the Middle of this Belt; this we assure you, we have done & with both Hands have held it Close to our Hearts; but now I see both ends let loose, and We are now the only People to hold this Belt up by the Middle; Brothers let us be strong on both sides and take pity of our Warriors, Women and Children, let Us be sincere And speak from our Hearts, and be honest in every thing that Passes now between Us; I now take this Friendship Belt, and lay it in the Fort, where We request you will assist Us in preserving it. Brothers don't imagine that what I have said comes from my lips only; I do assure you it comes from the Bottom of our Hearts, and we make no doubt, but this will give you the same pleasure if you are

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sincere as we really are.

Brothers,

You sent us word that you were so firmly Seated here that you were not to be removed; Brothers you have Towns and Places of your own, you know this is our Country, and that your having Possess=sion of it must be Offensive to all Nations, therefore it would be proper that you were in your own Country where our Friendship might always re=main Undisturbed.

Brothers,

Some time ago, you desired that we would go out of your way that you might Pass to those Nations that have disturbed the chain of Friend=ship; you yourselves are the People that have done it. In the first place by coming with Large Armys into our Country & building Strong Forts; we were then the first People that met you, having no mis=trust of your designs, and nothing but good in our Hearts towards you; Agree'd to every thing you desired; at the same time requested of you in the Strongest Terms, not to Extend your Forts any further than this Post. Notwithstanding this you Crossed the Lakes, and what passed between the Nations living that way, and you, we are Unacquainted with, but you see they have Slipt their Hands from their

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Friendship with you, And as you have desired to know who struck you we take this opportunity to make you sensible of it which I believe you can't help Thinking this is True; so you have Nobody to blame but yourselves for what has hap'ned.

Brothers, Gave a large Belt of Ten Rows

We have endeavoured to Stop all Parties we saw going against you, some we were able to prevail with, others we were not; who suppose will prosecute the War against you: Our reason for not coming two days ago to speak with you, was that we received this string of Wampum which I have now in my Hand from all the Nations over the Lakes, the following is what they said upon it. Grandfathers the Delawares.

By this string we Inform you that we Intend in a Short time to pass in a very great Body, thro' your Country on our way to the Forks of Ohio: Grandfathers, you know us to be a foolish People, we are determined to Stop at Nothing, and as we Expect to be very Hungry, we will seize and eat up every thing that comes in our way. Brother here is their Wampum you have heard what they design; If you go quietly Home to your Wise Men this is the furthest they will go. If not see what will be the Consequence; so we desire that

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you do remove off.

Brothers   A String

We have now delivered every thing we have to say; consider it and when you have a mind to Answer Us, Fire a Gun, and we will come over to hear you, we hope when this is done to be able Each of Us to Rise up and go to our Respective Hoomes.

Captain Ecuyer's Answer to the Foregoing

Fort Pitt 24th. July 1763.

Brothers,

You must be certain of our Sincerity towards you, as we have never Broke our Treaties with you, or any Other Indian Nation since our first Coming into this Country; Therefore observe what I will inform you now. In your Speech yesterday to me you Complain that we have taken your Country, and Built Strong Forts; Now Brothers, these Forts was to protect you, and your Trade which you have been often Told; with regard to your Lands, we have taken none, only such parts as our Enemies the French did Possess; you Suffered them first to settle in the Heart of your Country without Molestation, and why would you

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pretend to turn Us out of it now; who have always been Friendly and kind to you?

Brothers,

For these Reasons, I now tell you that I will not abandon this Post: I have Warriors, Provisions, And Ammunition Plenty to defend it three Years Against all the Indians in the Woods, and we shall never abandon it as long as a White man lives in America; I despise the Ottawse, and I am very much surprised at our Brother Delawares for proposing to Us to leave this place and go home. This is our Home; you have Attacked us without Reason or Provocation, you have Murdered, and Plundered our Warriors & Traders you have took our Horses and Cattle, and at the same time you tell Us your Hearts are good to=wards your Brethern the English: How can I have Faith in you, and believe that you are Sin=cere: Therefore now Brothers I will advise you to go Home to your Towns and take care of your Wo=men, and Children, when we have occasion to speak to you we shall send for you.

If your Chiefs at any time have any thing to say to us, they must go for the present to Bed=ford where they will meet our Great men and George Croghan, they will be well Used. And I will give them Letters and Copys of the Speeches I re=

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-ceived from you.

If any one should appear near the Fort, or Fire upon my Warriors I shall not only return the Fire, but shall throw Shells all about, And Fire cannon at them with one Hundred and Twenty Balls in Each: Therefore keep off; I dont want to hurt you.

S. Ecuyer Captn. Commandt.

Endorsed. Copy/ Speech made to the/ Com=mmanding Officer at Fort/ Pitt, by the very Indians who afterwards Attacked Colonel/ Bouquet's De=tachment near/ Bushy Run: With Captain/ Ecuyer's Answer/ Fort Pitt 26th & 27th July 1763/ In Sir Jeff: Amherst's of the/ 3d Sepr. 1763/ No. 6.

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Copy/.

New York, 31st August 1763.

Sir,

The Arrival of Captain Basset on the 26th Instant, with Your Letters of the 6th & 11th Confirming my hopes of your having Reached Fort Pitt, & Routed the Savages who had Attacked your Little Army, gave me the Highest Satisfaction. The Disposition you made for the Reception of the Indians the Second Day, was Indeed very wisely Concerted, and as happily Executed: I am pleased with Every part of your Conduct on the Occasion, which, being so well Seconded by the Officers & Soldiers under your Command, Enabled You not only to Protect your Large Convoy, but to Route a Body of Savages that would have been very Formidable against any Troops, but such as you had with You.

You will have seen by my Last, that Immediately on the Receipt of your Letter of the 5th I Appointed Lieut: Balneavis to the Capt: Lieutenancy, & Likewise provided for Mr. Peebles; By the List which I transmitted to you, when I Sent you the Orders for the Reduction, you will See that that the Officers of the 42d must Stand according to Seniority in the Regiment, without Regarding the Battalions; So that I Cannot Remove the two

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Officers you Recommend but they, of Course, get a Step by these Vacancys: And, as I give the preference to the Lieutenants on Service, they may probably Continue with the Regiments on Ensign's Pay; After the Reduction has taken place, that will give them a Title to Succeed to the Vacancys in Turn.—

I Hope Major Campbell has soon Returned to you, with the Remains of your Convoy: You did Right to get Quit of your Useless People: And I Approve of your having Ordered the Rangers to be Discharged; for I have a very poor Opinion of them: The Accompts shall be paid, When Captain Ourry transmits them to me.—

I Have already ordered the Agents to forward whatever Supplys Captain Ourry might Demand for the Troops under your Command, without waiting for Orders from You: And as I Learnt by a Letter from Captain Ourry, that Colonel Stephen had Reached Fort Cumberland with a Large Body of Virginia Volunteers, I Immediately Wrote to the Colonel, Desiring he might, upon this Occasion, Employ his Men, on the Communication, for Escorting Provisions &ca. to Fort Pitt, that you might be the better Enabled to Execute my Orders for Punishing the Savages: Captain Basset tells me, Colonel Stephen was at Fort Bedford, as

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he past that Place; And therefore I now write to him again on another Subject, in hopes that he will be able not only to keep open the Communication, but to Spare some Troops to Act Offensively against the Shawnese Settlements on the Banks of the Ohio; I Have Likewise Wrote to Lt Governor Fauquier to the same purpose: Enclosed are Copys of my Letters, And as I think this the favorable time, for Executing such a Blow, that must greatly tend to the future Security of the Frontiers, I must Desire you will Concert with Colonel Stephen, and Should it be Judged practicable that you will give the necessary Directions for putting it in Execution; furnishing Colonel Stephen, with what Assistance of Men, &ca you can Spare; without Retarding more than needs must the Other Services pointed out to you, by my former Orders: The Batteaus that have been Built, will answer a Very good End by being Employed on this Occasion; And I Trust, with the Assistance you will be Able to give Colonel Stephen, this Blow may be Executed with Certain Success.

Altho' I Could have Wished Captain Basset had Remained with You, as I am persuaded his Services would be Necessary at present; Yet as he has Represented to me that his State of Health

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is such as to give him Little hopes of Recovery unless permitted to go to England; I shall give him Leave; altho' I must Confess, I think he has as good a Chance for Recovering here as in England.—

Captain Ecuyer's Behavior, during the time his Post has been Invested, deserves my Approbation: I am Sorry for his Wound; but I Hope it is no ways Dangerous.

I Have had no Accounts from above Niagara, Since Captain Dalyell Left Presqu' Isle; But I Flatter Myself Every thing at the Detroit &ca. goes on as Well as We Could Wish; & it is very probable you may have Intelligence from thence, by means of the Trusty Indians Sir William Johnson Sent to Captain Dalyell, before the News can Reach me.—

I Have Wrote particularly to Major Gladwin, to have an Eye towards Presqu' Isle; And to Endeavor to Send some Troops to meet the Corps from Fort Pitt, which may facilitate the March of the Latter, & Enable them to Act in an Offensive manner against any Indian Settlements that may be in that Neighborhood.—

I am,

Sir,

&ca.

Jeff. Amherst

Colonel Bouquet.

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Copy I.

Williamsburgh, 2^d August 1763

Sir,

I Have deferred Answering your Letter of the 20th June till I knew the Result of the Council's opinion on our present distracted Situation, for which purpose I summoned every Gentleman that was in the Colony who all attended. I then laid before them every Account I had received of the Devastation the Indians had made on our whole Frontier from Potowmak almost as low as the Carolina Line; and your Favor in which you recommend our raising Men immediately for our own Defence. After mature Deliberation on the whole State of our Affairs it was resolved that the calling the Assembly to meet would be a Work of some time: and before any Regulars could be raised in Consequence of any Act that might be passed for that purpose the Summer would be elapsed; therefore it was thought more adviseable to make the best Use we could of our Militia, as I am by Law impowered to raise them. And in Consequence thereof there is already or immediately will be 500 Men to protect the North west Frontier, which are under the Direction of Colonel Stephen who lately Commanded our Regiment; the same

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Number at least will be put under Colonel Andrew Lewis who has served with reputation in the Virginia Regiment from it's being first raised for the Defence of the Southwest Frontiers by which Number of Men under Orders & Directions of Gentlemen who have long served in the Regulars it is hoped our back Settlements may be protected from any further Rav=ages from the Indians.

Arms especialy such as are good are very scarce in this Colony: if your Excellency could furnish us with some from the King's Stores they would be extremely serviceable to us in our pre=sent unhappy Circumstances.

The Indians who have annoyed us are believed to be Northern Nations, who have return=ed from Striking the Cherokees nothing appears to Induce me to suspect that the Southern Nations have yet had any Hand in the Cruelties Com=mitted on our Frontiers: I Hope your Excellency will recommend, the enquiring into this that it may be properly considered, to the Gentlemen who are directed to conduct the Conference to be held to the Northward.

I am with the greatest Regard & Esteem,

Sir! Your Excellency's &ca.

His Excellency } Sir Jeffery Amherst }

Fran: Fauquier

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Copy /.

New York, 21st August 1763.–

Sir,

I Was last Night Favored with your Letter of the 2d Instant.–

On the Alarm of the Indians Nothing could be better Judged than the Raising the Militia, & putting them under the Command of Officers who had given proofs of their Courage & Conduct; And I think it happy for the Colony that a Law Subsisted to Enable you to Raise the Militia.

It would be too Late, for the present Service, before I could Send you any Arms: But if you will let me know the State of the Arms in the Colony in the Disposition that may be made hereafter, I shall Endeavor to furnish you with what may be Judged Absolutely Requisite.

From the Measures I have taken to Reduce the Savages above, I Flatter myself We shall soon be able to put Every thing again on a proper Footing, & to Leave such Impression on the minds of the Indians of our Just Wrath, that they will be Cautious of Incurring our Displeasure hereafter.

Before I received your Letter, I had some hints from Gentlemen who had been at the Hot Wells, on the Frontiers of Virginia that some of

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the Six Nations were suspected of having Done mis-
chief in that Neighbourhood; & I Immediately Acquaint-
ed Sir William Johnson therewith: I shall now trans-
mit to him the paragraph of your Letter on that
Subject, for his further Information & that he may
Endeavor to Discover whether there is any Ground
for the Suspicion.

I am, with great Regard,

Sir &ca.

Jeff: Amherst.

The Honble
Lt. Governor Fauquier

Endorsed. Copy/ Letter from Sir Jeffery/ Amherst to Lt. Govr. Fauquier/ Dated New York, 21st. Augst. 1763/ In Answer to the Lt Governors of the 2d./ Highly Commending the Measures/ the Lt. Govr. had taken for Assembling/ the Militia: And that he should not/ Fail to Acquaint Sir Wm Johnson of/ what he mentioned concerning the/ Northern Indians, &ca./ In Sir Jeff: Amhersts of the/ 3d. Septr. 1763/ No. 10.

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Copy 1.

New York, 29th August 1763.—

Sir,

I Enclose you a Copy of a Letter which I Writ to Colonel Stephen, on hearing of his Arrival at Fort Cumberland; And since then Captain Basset, who brought me the agreable Accounts of Colonel Bouquet's having totally Routed the Body of Indians who had Attacked his Little Army near Bushy Run (the particulars of which you will Certainly hear before this can Reach you) Acquaints me that Colonel Stephen was at Fort Bedfort, when he came past that place.

As a Severe Punishment of the Savages at this time will be the most Effectual Security to the Back Inhabitants for the future; I should be glad the Virginian Volunteers were Employed in Destroying the Shawnese Settlements which I Imagine might be Easily Effected; And altho' I have Work Enough already for the small Number of Regulars at Fort Pitt, yet I would Try to spare some from thence to Joyn the Virginians in Offensive operations against the Shawnese Towns, on the Banks of the Ohio. I Shall Write to Colonel Bouquet on this Subject; And if Colonel Stephen can get men for that Service, I should hope

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it might be Executed with Success.

I Have no Late Accounts from the Détroit but am, in hourly Expectation of hearing from thence; And I Flatter myself that the Accounts, when they Do come, will be as favorable as I could wish for.

I am, with great Regard,

Sir, / &c.

Jeff: Amherst.

The Honorable
Lt. Governor Fauquier
Williamsburgh

Endorsed. Copy / Letter from Sir Jeffery / Amherst to Lt. Governor Fauquier / Dated New York, 29th August 1763 / Acquaints the Lt. Governor of his / Intentions of Employing part of Col: / Stephens's Volunteers if the Colonel can / prevail upon them to Undertake it, / in Destroying the Shawnese Settlements / on the Banks of the Ohio; and that / he should Write to Colonel Bouquet, / to give Every Assistance in his power, / for Effecting this Seasonable Stroke, / from Fort Pitt; recd / In Sir Jeff: Amherst's, of the 3d. Septr. 1763. / No. 11

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Extract /

Fort Bedford August 17th 1763.

This Morning at One o'Clock I received a Letter from Colonel Stephen, who is now at Fort Cumberland, with a Large Body of Volunteers, the Number I don't exactly know, but 'tis Said about 400. On His March to that Fort, he Discovered some Signs of the Enemy on Pallison's Creek, upon which he Detached Captain Crawford with a party to track them: They come up with the Indians, I think the Next Day about 11 o'Clock in the Morning, Just as they had Halted in a Thicket, on the Banks of the Potowmack about 25 Miles above Fort Cumberland, & tho' few of the Men could get up to do Execution, they Killed & Scalped One Indian, & Wounded Several, Recovered two Prisoners, & three Scalps, the Savages had taken four Days before; Took Four fine Rifles, & as many Horses as are Worth £100. with a great Deal of other Plunder, without the Loss of a Man. By the Information of the Prisoners, the Enemy has Several parties upon the Frontiers, and Colonel Stephen has Sent out Scouts to waylay them.—

Ls. Ourry.

His Excellency
Sir Jeffery Amherst }

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Extract/.

New York, 25th. August 1763.

I Have Received your Letter of the 17th. — The Province of Pensylvania by, an Infatuated Obstinacy peculiar to themselves, seem Determined to Bring a Disgrace on their names by Abandoning their Fellow Provincials, at a time of Real Danger: The Conduct of the Virginians is Indeed very Different, and highly Commendable: I Write to Colonel Stephen and Leave the Letter open for your perusal, that you may Afterwards Seal, & forward it to him, for which you will take the Earliest Opportunity: And for fear of Miscarriage I Enclose you a Duplicate of it which you may send as Occasion Offers. — I should hope he will be able to furnish such Convoys as will Secure the Communication Effectually, so that the Supplys may be forwarded with Safety. —

Jeff: Amherst.

Captain Ourry; Or Officer }
Commanding at Fort Bedford }

Endorsed. Extract / Letter from Sir Jeffery / Amherst to Captain Ourry, / Commanding officer at Fort

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Copy 1.

New York, 25th August 1763—

Sir,

It was with great Pleasure that I Learnt by a Letter from Lt. Governor Fauquier, that he had given you the Command of a Body of 500 Men, Intended to be Collected from the Militia for the protection & Defence of the Frontiers, as I had no Doubt of your making a Good Use of them: The Other Corps of the Like Number, the Lt. Governor acquaints me, were to be put under the Command of Colonel Lewis, an Officer who has Likewise given proofs of his Conduct & Resolution; And as I now find by a Letter from Captain Ourry of the 17th. Instant, that you had Reached Fort Cumberland, with a Body of Volunteers; I must Desire you will upon this Occasion, Employ the Troops under your Command, in Keeping open the Communication between Fort Bedford & Fort Pitt, as it will be Impossible for Colonel Bouquet to Advance the Regulars for the Punishment of the Savages, agreable to the Directions I Have given him, & at the same time Spare Men for the Communication: The Conduct of the Pensylvania Government is altogether so Infatuated & Stupidly Obstinate that I want Words to Express my Indignation thereat: But

the Colony of Virginia, I hope, will have the Honor of not only Driving the Enemy from its own Settlements, but that of protecting those of its Neighbors who have not Spirit to Defend themselves.—

While your Troops are Employed in Keeping open the Communication: And Conducting the Supplys that may be forwarding to Fort Pitt, I should hope you would be able to Send out some Alert partys to Act Offensively against any of the Lurking Villains, who may be Waiting for Opportunitys to Do Mischief.

The Measures I Have taken for putting Every thing to Rights at the Detroit &ca. are Such as I Flatter Myself, Cannot fail. But that we shall have Ample Revenge for the Barbarities Committed by the Inhuman Miscreants; And that a perfect Tranquillity will Ensue to the Several Colonies, as I am Determined the punishment the Indians shall feel, before I hearken to Accomodations shall be such as shall Leave a Lasting Impression on the Minds of the Survivors.—

I am,

Sir,

&ca.

Jeff: Amherst

Colonel Stephen; or Officer Commanding the Virginia Volunteers at Fort Cumberland

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Copy /.

Johnson Hall July 30th 1763 –

Sir,

Since I Had the Honor of Writing to your Excellency on the 24th I have Received Letters from the Detroit & Niagara by One Van Eps a Schenectady Trader, who was taken on Lake Erie at the Commencement of Hostilities, & together with Lieut: Mc Dougal made his Escape from the Ottawaes into Detroit during the Investment of that place. He is an Intelligent person, and gave me many particulars, but as he Informs me that Major Gladwin has Wrote your Excellency fully on every Subject, I therefore presume you are Acquainted therewith. – From his knowledge of the Ottawa Language, he had an Opportunity during his Confinement at a Frenchman's House, near Detroit (where the Indians & French in their Interest used to hold Conferences) to hear the various Arguments made use of by the Latter to Encourage the rest, by Assuring them that a French Fleet & Army were then at Quebec, and an Army Marching to their Assistance from the Mississippi & Illenois, Several of these Frenchmen have since gone to that place, perhaps to avoid Punishment on finding their Attempts on the Detroit

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Ineffectual, & the Indians, some of whom begin now to See their Errors, would I believe for the most part drop their Designs, which appears the more probable from their delivering up Several of the English whom they had made Prisoners.—

The Alarm of which I Informed your Excellency in my Last, is in a great Measure blown over for the present, however I have several Indian Scouts out towards the Frontiers, but from the Repeated Cautions & Advice I have received that many of the Distant Nations are Determined to cut me off, I have began to Surround my House at this place with a Good Stockade well Flanked, for the Defence of which I could wish I had a small party of Men, as I have already Represented to Your Excellency that my removal would Infallibly Occasion that, of all the Inhabitants in this Quarter I shall chuse to be Enabled to Stand & keep my Ground — If therefore Your Excellency judges it Necessary, (as Regular Troops are at present not conveniently to be had) I would Raise a few Men for that purpose, provided I knew what would be allowed them.—

The Mohawks (like true Friends) came a few days ago in a Body to my House on this occasion, & declared that should matters go to Extremity's, they would to a man Joyn me against any Nation which

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might attempt to put their threats in Execution. I am in great want of some Ammunition to supply Scouting partys &ca. with, and wish Your Excellency would please to order me a Couple of Barrels of Powder &ca. for that purpose.... It is so Scarce an Article in the Country that even the Militia cannot procure the Quantity they are ordered to have.–

I Have the Honor to be with the Utmost Respect,

Sir,

Your Excellency's, &ca.

Wm. Johnson.

His Excellency
Sir Jeffery Amherst.

Endorsed. Copy/. Letter from Sir William / Johnson to Sir Jeffery Amherst. / Dated Johnson Hall, 30th July 1763 / Expressing his Apprehensions of the / Western Indians attempting to Cutt / him off; and therefore desiring to / have a Guard for his House, &ca. / in Sir Jeff: Amhersts of the 3d. / Sept.r 1763 / No. 15.

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Copy 1.

Information of Captain Thomas Baugh of His Majesty's 55th Regiment of Foot.—

That about the 20th of May last, to the best of his Recollection, Being at the Warm Springs, on the Frontiers of Virginia, for his health. About two days after, a Party of Indians, to the Number of Seventy Eight, Arrived in the Neighborhood; at places called Green Briar, & Jackson's River. Part of them at One Settlement, Part at the Other, & Distributed them=selves (from their Encampment about Green Briar) among the Inhabitants, by Six & Seven to a House, for the Convenient Collection of Refreshments. That they were Received, by the Inhabitants, in a Very Friendly manner, whom they Told, they were going to War, against the Cherokees; Under Johnson's pass; (as the Inhabitants Exprest it). That after Being Five, or Six Weeks, at these places, abovementioned; they Decamped, & Moved Nearer the Cherokee Country, About 20 Miles to a place Called Dunlap's Creek. Where they again Encamped. That they Continued there about a Fortnight; When Six Strange Indians, Came to Green Briar, as if Endeavoring to Overtake the great Party; Where Hearing they had got no further than Dunlap's Creek, They Exprest great Surprise, Set out Immediately & that soon after, those Six,

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Were Supposed to Joyn the Seventy Eight; Hostilities Commenced at Green Briar, Calve Creek, Round Oak, & New River. Which was Concluded to be Committed by those Indians who had been so long in the Neighborhood part of Whom were Supposed & Believed by the People of the Country to be of the Six Nations Some of them advised the Inhabitants to Move off Else the Shawnese would come & Destroy them. —

Thos. Baugh Capn. 55th. Regt.

New York, August 14th. 1763 —

Endorsed. Copy/. Information of/ Captain Baugh of the 55th/ Regt. concerning the Indians/ on the Frontiers of Virginia/ N.B. Enclosed to Sir Wm. Johnson with/ Sir Jeffery Amherst's Letter of the 14th. Augst. / 1763/ In Sir Jeff: Amherst's of the/ 3d. Septr. 1763/ No. 17.

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Copy.

Johnson Hall August 4th. 1763.

Sir,

I Have been Honored with your Excellency's Letter of the 28th. Ulto. and am very happy in finding that the Steps I have taken have Merited your Approbation.—

The Stockbridge Indians (from their Implacable hatred to the rest, particularly to some of the Nations) I Imagined, might have been made Serviceable, when with good Officers, & along with other Corps, however as Your Excellency does not think proper to Employ them, I shall return them thanks for their Offers, and acquaint them, that it is not Apprehended there will be any Necessity at present for their Assistance, But, from what I know of Indians in General, I am only Apprehensive that the Canadian Indians, & many others will always be Desirous to Engage either on the One Side or the other, & Cannot Easily be persuaded to Remain quiet, when the rest are Concerned.—

I most heartily wish Your Excellency may Receive good Accounts from above, & Success in your Endeavors to procure a Reinforcement in the manner you have Mentioned, as the same will be very Necessary at this Juncture, more Especially so as

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the Inhabitants are universally Alarmed at the Re-peated Reports of the Enemys Designs.—

If Your Excellency's leisure will permit, I shall be glad to be Honored with your Answer con-cerning the Several Articles mentioned in Mine of the 24th & 30th Ult., & I beg leave to Assure You, that every Effort which my power & Situation can En-able me to make shall be made use of for the protection of the Country, and the Good of His Maj-esty's Service, But, as this is time of Harvest in these parts, I am much afraid, that any Attempts of the Enemy will be but too Successfull, unless Supported with Troops, Disengaged from any such Care. —

I Have the Honor to be with the greatest Respect,

Sir, | Your Excellency's | &ca.

Wm. Johnson.

His Excellency
Sir Jeffery Amherst.

Endorsed. Copy | Letter from Sir William | Johnson to Sir Jeffery Amherst. | Dated Johnson Hall, 4th Augst. 1763. | In Answer to a Former Letter from | the General, re-garding the | Insignificancy of the Stockbridge | Indians, &ca. | In Sir Jeff: Amherst's of the | 3d. Septr. 1763 | No. 18.

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Copy.

New York, 20th August 1763.

Sir,

I Had last Night the Favor of your Letter of the 4th Instant: My Last Answers Yours of the 30th July: All that I can say in Regard to what you mention in your Letter of the 24th of that Month, concerning the Disputes about the Lands, is that I have already taken Every Measure in my Power for Preventing the Indians from getting Rum or Spirituous Liquors: The Punishing of the Fellow, who is Chiefly Concerned in Debauching the Indians, as he is not Subject to the Military, I Apprehend must Entirely Depend on the Civil Power; And I should hope your Application to the Governor and Council, would meet with the Desired Success.—

I Have a Letter from Niagara, of the 1st Instant: Nothing New from above: Nor have I any Accounts from Colonel Bouquet since he Left Fort Bedford.—

When the Savages, who have been Concerned in the present Disturbances, are Sufficiently Punished, for the Depredations & Barbarities, they have Committed, I shall then think of giving them Peace; But they must first be brought to such a State as may give us Room to hope they will Remember the

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Engagements they make with Us: When that time is Ripe I shall Desire your Service, as I Hinted in my last, as I well know, there is no One so fit as Yourself, or can have Equal Weight, in Settling a Matter of so much Consequence as the Future Tranquillity of the Country where those Indians Reside.—

I am, with great Regard,

Sir,

&ca.

Jeff: Amherst

Sir William Johnson Bart.
Johnson Hall

P.S. I Find Captain Baugh's Report, which I transmitted you in my Last, agrees with what is generally Believed in Virginia; for I have this moment Received a Letter from Lt. Governor Fauquier, wherein he particularly mentions that the Indians who have Annoyed their Frontiers are Believed to be of the Northern Nations, Returning from Striking the Cherokees: I Enclose you the Paragraph of the Lt. Governor's Letter.—

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Copy/.

Johnson Hall, August 20th 1763 -

Sir

Captain Gardiner has Delivered me Your Ex=
=cellency's favor of the 10th Instant, And I Have in
Consequence thereof given him all the Advice & In=
=telligence in my power with regard to his better
Conducting himself on the Service upon which he
is Sent. —

As the Nations who have Committed Hostili=
=ties deserve the greatest & most Immediate punish=
=ment which we can bestow, I think nothing can
be more Necessary than an Attempt on them whilst
the Season will admit of an Expedition, but as I
look upon the first Blow which may be struck
to be of the highest Importance, and what will give
the Indians an Idea of our Abilities in that
way, as well as Strike an Awe amongst the
Several Nations, I must humbly beg Leave to Re=
=present that unless the same be attended with
Success and a good Retreat it may draw in many
other Unthinking Indians to Engage in the
Quarrel, the Senecas are pretty Numerous, & Consist
of many Villages, at some little Distance from Each
other, the Moment therefore that a Body of Troops
Appear before any of them, (if not before Discover=

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-ed) Some of them will Undoubtedly be able to Escape to another Village and thereby Spread an Alarm the Consequence of Which will be, that a Body of the Naked Men used to the Woods & Able Runners will Immediate-ly set out to Cut off their Retreat, and altho' British Soldiers have Infinitely more bravery than any In-dians, the Loss may be very Considerable in a Woody Country should they come up with them - if this should be the Case it will Elate those foolish People & Strengthen their Alliance: I am therefore Hum-bly of Opinion that as the first Blow will in a great Measure Determine the Success of what is to follow, the Number of those who go on that Service should be pretty Considerable as also that to Amuse the Enemy & prevent their Bending their force one Way two or three Attempts of the Like Nature should be at the same time Undertaken this will not only make it the more Secure but should One Fail anoth-er may prove Successfull, Your Excellency's Inten-tion of Immediate Chastisement, Induces me to Offer these my Sentiments in the most humble Man-ner that the Success may be Effectual. –

This Moment a Mohawk Indian is Arrived express from the Meeting with the Several Chiefs in the Senecas Country, which in a former Letter I mentioned was to have taken place at the In-

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-dian's desire, in Order to bring them to Reason; The Messenger Informs me that the Chiefs of all the Na-tions are to be at the German Flatts on the 26th Instant where they Desire to have a Conference with me, when they will Lay before me the Result of their Proceedings with the Senecas &ca. & their Sentiments thereon.. The Congress in the Senecas Country not having been over at the Departure of the Messen-ger, he is not Able to give me any Particulars Except that all the Deputy's from the Other Nations behaved with the greatest Zeal & Warmth in favor of the English, altho' the Senecas from what he Observed seemed Averse to any thing they pro-posed.. As the Meeting at the German Flatts will not only Enable me to know Every particular but also prove of Service with Regard to the Peace-able Nations I purpose to Attend the Same, on which Account, I shall take a present with me for the Sachems &ca., the better to Secure them to Our Interest & Reward them for the Trouble they have Lately taken in the Affair as well as for their Attachment to us, to which I Hope Your Ex-cellency will have no Objection, being Convinced it will be of Service and on my Return I shall Do Myself the Honor to Acquaint You with the Proceedings thereat & the Intelligence

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I shall Receive.—

I Have the Honor to be with the greatest Truth & Respect

Sir

Your Excellency's, &ca.

Wm Johnson.

His Excellency
Sir Jeffery Amherst

Endorsed. Copy/ Letter from Sir William/ Johnson to Sir Jeffery Amherst/ Dated Johnson Hall, 20th Augst 1763./ In Answer to the Generals of the 10th Augst/ by Capt. Gardiner/ That he had given that Officer all/ the Advice & Intelligence in his power/ for conducting himself on the Service/ he was sent upon: But seems to think/ it Dangerous to make an Attempt on/ the Senecas Settlements, with so Small/ a Force &ca.— Sir William Adds, that/ he Intended to have Another Meeting with/ the Six Nations at the German Flatts/ In Sir Jeff: Amherst's of the/ 3d Septr 1763/ No 20.

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Copy.

New York 27th August 1763.

Sir,

I am this moment Favored with Your Let=
=ter of the 20th Instant; and am to thank you
for your Opinion in regard to the most prudent
manner of Punishing the Senecas: Our not being
able to take Immediate Revenge of that Ungratefull
Tribe, shall not screen them from our Just Wrath;
for I am Firmly Determined, to make Every Na=
=tion that has been Engaged in the present Insur=
=rection, Severely feel the punishment due to such
treacherous and Unprovoked Barbarities as have
been Committed by them on the Unfortunate Per=
=sons who have fallen into their Hands. I Can=
=not but Approve of your Meeting the Six Nations
at their Intended Conference at the German Flatts:
That Meeting will be over before this can Reach
you; so that I need not give you any hints Rel=
=ative to your Conduct on that Occasion: I shall
only Say, that it Behoves the Whole Race of In=
=dians to Beware (for I Fear the best of them have
in some Measure been privy to, & Concerned in,
the Late Mischief) of Carrying Matters much far=
=ther against the English, or Daring to form
Conspiracys, as the Consequence will most Cer=

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-tainly occasion Measures to be taken, that, in the End will put a most Effectual Stop to their Very Being.

I Have Nothing New from the Detroit Since Captain Dalyell Left Presqu' Isle; But Yesterday I Had the Satisfaction to Receive Letters from Colonel Bouquet, Acquainting me of his Arrival at Fort Pitt, on the 10th Instant; Having, on the 5th & 6th been Attacked, by a very Large Body of Indians, near Bushy Run; Engaged them from Noon to Night, the first Day, Our Men keeping their Ground, & always Driving off the Savages; but came back at Night to Cover the Provisions & the Wounded. The Next Day the Indians Surrounded our Little Army, and Advanced to the Attack very Furiously; But Colonel Bouquet had made such a Disposition to Receive them, And the Behavior of the Troops was so Firm & Resolute, that the Savages gave way; had not Courage to Support their Attempt; And were pursued for a Considerable Distance with great Slaughter. Captain Basset, who brought me Colonel Bouquet's Dispatches, & was present in both Actions, Assures me, that there were at Least 50 or 60 Indians Slain, & a great many Wounded in the pursuit; He Likewise Says, that the three principal persons who began the Mischief on that Side by Murdering

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Colonel Clapham &ca. Vizt. Kikyuscung & the Wolf were Killed; & Butler met with the same Fate at Fort Pitt; which if true, appears to be a very Providential piece of Justice.—

This Service has not been Effected without Loss on our Side; Altho I must say, Colonel Bouquet, with his Little Army, Considering the Large Convoy he had under his Care, has Done Every thing I could have hoped for, on the Indians forming so Large a Body to Oppose him.—

Captain Lt. Graham, & Lieut: McIntosh of the 42d with a Lieut: of the Rangers, Killed: Captain Graham, & Lieut: Duncan Campbell of the 42d Lieut. Dow of the 60th. Lieut: Donald Campbell of the 77th & Volunteer Peebles, Wounded: Our Loss, Including Officers, is 50 Men Killed, & 60 Wounded.—

Some Random Shots were Fired on the Army, between Bushy Run, and Fort Pitt; But this Seasonable Check, I Believe, will put an Effectual Stop to any further Mischief being Done on that Communication: Particularly as Colonel Stephen, with a Body of 4 or 500 Men of the Virginia Militia, is Advanced as far as Forts Cumberland & Bedford, with a View not only of Covering the Frontiers, but of Acting Offensively against the Savages: This Publick Spirited Colony has also Sent a Body of the Like Number of men, under the Command

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of Colonel Lewis for the Defence & Protection of their South West Frontiers; What a Contrast this Makes between the Conduct of the Pensylvanians & Virginians, highly to the Honor of the Latter, but places the Former in the most Despicable Light Imaginable.–

I Enclose You a Copy of what passed between Captain Ecuyer, & the very Villains who were Afterwards Engaged in the Action against Colonel Bouquet's Detachment: I approve most fully of Captain Ecuyer's Answer to them, but I should have been better pleased, had he not treated with them when they came to the Fort soon after the first Mischief happened, by giving them not only Provisions, but other Tokens of Friendship which Entitled them to come again to the Fort, altho' their Conduct Ever Since, And the whole Tenor of their Speech, plainly prove that their Designs were bad; And, I must own, I should not have Blamed him, had he put Every one of those who were in his Power to Death.–

I am, with great Regard

Sir,

&ca.

Jeff: Amherst.

Sir William Johnson Bart.

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Extract/.

Halifax 2d August 1763.—

Two or three Days ago I Received an Intima=
=tion from the Lt Governor & Council; And this mo=
=ment an Express is Arrived from Captain Lt Bruce
at Annapolis Royal with an Account that there
has lately been an Extraordinary Meeting of the
Savages in that Neighborhood, On the Breaking up
of which a Large Body posted themselves on the
other Side of the River opposite to the Fort where
they Still Remain. The Acadians at work on the
Fortifications have gone Amongst them, & Report that
they are more Numerous than any Body of them
that has Assembled in these parts for Several Years
past; They are very Inquisitive about the Nature of
the Peace; Whether they are taken Notice of in it, or
any Account made of them, and why they have Re=
=ceived no presents as they Expected; In their Cups
they have Acknowledged that upon hearing some
Accounts of their Brethren to the Westward they
had Sent two of their Number to get Intelligence
that they may Regulate their Conduct Accordingly.
As the Garrison of Annapolis Royal is in a man=
=ner Dismantled by the preparations for the New
Works, and that a Large Quantity of Stores & Arms
are Lodged in it; And as the Most Trifling Hos-

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-tilities on the part of the Indians would Alarm the Settlers to Such a degree as to make them Quit their Habitations, I Have thought proper to Order the Light Infantry Company of the Seventy Seventh Regiment to March Immidiately to Reinforce that Garrison, & the Light Infantry Company of the Royal - To take Post at Fort Edward, & have given Instructions to the Captains to treat the Savages with Civility, but to Repel Force by Force to the Utmost if they or the In-habitants Should be Attacked in a Hostile Manner. I have Likewise given them Directions to Send out in their Turn Scouting Partys properly Equiped both with a View of Overawing the Indians, making the Troops Acquaint-ed with the Country & the Savages haunts, and of giving the proper Countenance & Encouragement to the Settlers by their Protection if an open Rupture should be the Consequence of their Resolutions on the Return of their Messengers. I Intend to send the Rangers to the River Chibenaccady and if Possible to Reinforce both the Garrison of Fort Frederick in St John's River, and Fort Cumberland where our Num-bers are but very Small. - All which I Flatter My-self will Meet with Your Excellency's Approbation; Altho' in making so many Detachments I have been Obliged to drain the Capital so much as not to Have a Sufficiency of Men for the ordinary duty of the Garrison. -

His Excellency
Sir Jeffery Amherst }

Wm Forster.

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Extract

New York, 23d. August 1763.–

The Steps you took in Consequence of the Intimation from the Lt. Governor & Council of Intelligence from Annapolis, of the Motions of the Savages, were perfectly well Judged; On this Occasion, I hope Every Officer & Soldier, You Sent, were firmly Resolved to put no trust whatsoever in any Indian: but that, while they Treated them Civilly, they were prepar'd to Act Offensively on the least Appearance of any Bad Designs in the Savages: The Return of the Messengers may perhaps produce some Mischief, if the Out posts are not on their Guard; for it may happen that those Messengers may be Buoyed up with false Reports of the Success of the Western Tribes, who, by the most Villainous Treacherys, have Cutt off the small Posts on the upper Lakes; but have met with a Check at the Detroit: and before now, I Trust have Felt to their Cost, the Just Punishment which their Inhuman Barbarities Deserve.–

Colonel Forster; Or Officer Commanding
His Majesty's Forces in Nova Scotia....
Halifax

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Copy 7.

Charles Town So. Carolina 29th July 1763.

Sir,

I was honour'd with your two Letters of the 15th & 17th of June, enclosing another under a flying Seal for Mr. Stuart which I deliver'd, & one for the Agent Contractors which I have not. Your Excellency in my opinion having pointed out a method of supplying the Indians both Cheaper & more Satisfactory, thro' Mr. Stuart, whose duty it will be to give no room for Complaint of any sort. By some Officers put in here in their way to Augustine, I learn that Troops are order'd to take Possession of that Place, Pensacola, & Mobile, to all which the Southern Indians will no doubt resort, as well as to become acquainted with their Neighbours, as to furnish themselves with goods of which there will be abundance; And as their Trade & Treatment will of Course be regulated by you & Subject to the Controul of the Commanding Officers, I beg leave to Suggest how Salutary a Conformity will be in both these respects, between the Southern Colonies & the Ceded Dominions as far as a Governor's power can operate; that when the Indians have behav'd with insolence in one part of the King's Territories, they may not be

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receiv'd with Courtesy in another, & vice versâ; for this purpose Sir, I would propose to Correspond with the Commanding Officers of those several posts upon Indian matters that can be deemed of Consequence, & if you think proper so far to approve this proposal, as to direct the Commanding Officers to apprize me occasionally of the Conduct the Indians hold at the respective Posts, I should Govern myself as to their concerns accordingly, but the whole I submit, as a Suggestion merely, to your better Judgment. One piece of Information I beg leave to give you, as I apprehend it may be of importance & if it takes Effect it will be absolutely repugnant to the Kings Pleasure signified to his Civil Governors, I am told that Numbers of Persons are Authorized to make purchases of the Indians in these ceded Countries, the eternal complaints they make of being imposed upon in these Bargains & their disgust when they receive no reparation your Excellency may think it adviseable to prevent, at least I dare Flatter myself you will excuse me for the Liberty I take in making you acquainted with it.

I have the Honour to be | Sir,

Your Excellencys &ca.

His Excellency Sir Jeffery Amherst.

Thos. Boone.

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Copy/

New York, 17th August 1763.—

Sir,

On the 14th Instant I was Favored with your Letter of the 29th July, and at the same time, I had One from Mr. Stuart, my Answer to which I here=with Enclose you, open for your perusal.

I am now Dispatching several Vessells to Florida & Louisianne; and I shall, agreable to what I mention in my Letter to Mr. Stuart, take care to Warn the Commanding Officers in regard to the Treatment they are to give the Traders who have any Dealings with the Indians.

I shall likewise particularly Direct them to Correspond with you, as Occasion may require; That such of the Tribes as have behaved with Dissaffec=tion to the Northward, may not meet with Coun=tenance or protection should they go to any other Part of His Majesty's Dominions.

With Respect to the purchasing of Lands from the Indians; the Kings Orders ought Certainly to be obeyed, in the Strictest Sense: But from the Ex=periences I have had of the Savages, I Really must give it as my opinion, that we cannot too soon pur=chase their Lands; for by Disspossessing them We Secure to ourselves what seems to be Intended for

Us as I am daily more & more Convinced that there never can be any Certainty of Peace & Tranquillity while We put any Trust in those Barbarians; And the Less their Settlements are Intermixed with ours the Better.

I am, with great Regard.

Sir / &ca.

Jeff. Amherst

His Excellency
Governor Boone
Charlestown

Endorsed. Copy / Letter from Sir Jeffery / Amherst to Governor Boone / Dated New York, 17th August 1763. / In Answer to the Governor's of 29th July / That he should take Care to / Order the Commanding Officers at / Florida & Louisianne, to be very / Circumspect regarding the Trade / to be Carried on with the Indians in / those Parts &ca. / In Sir Jeff: Amherst's, of the / 3d. Sept. 1763 / No. 25.

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Copy

Charles Town, 30th July 1763.

Sir,

Since I had the Honor of Writing your Excellency I have received Letters from the Governors of Virginia, North Carolina, & Georgia. Mr Fauquier had not on May 27th received Governor Boone's Letter, proposing the meeting with the Chiefs of the Indian Nations in this District, at Augusta in Georgia the 15th September: But says he will certainly attend upon having timely Notice, and that all times are alike to him except the Month of October, on the 10th of which, he is to Preside at the Supreme Court of Judicature of His Province. He proposes Charles Town as the most Convenient place of meeting, for its Centrical Situation, and Reception of so many Strangers. Governor Dobbs concurs with Mr Fauquier as to the place of meeting, and Says he will attend on the 15th September proposed by Governor Boone; In the Month of November he is to meet his Assembly.

Governor Wright objects to Charles Town as the Place of meeting on account of the Small Pox which has prevailed here ever since Christmass. He is of opinion, that we ought to be certain of the presents before the Invitation be given, but wishes that the meeting may be soon on Account of

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the Critical Situation of affairs amongst the Indians.

It was about the End of June before I was furnished with these different Sentiments of the Governors: Mr. Boone therefore concurred with me In opinion, that no time was to be lost, but that Letters should be Immediately dispatched, Inviting the Chiefs of the Several Nations to meet at Augusta on the 15th. of October. The Consideration of the Small Pox determined us as to the place, & the Uncertainty when the presents may arrive (no advices of their being shipped having as Yet come to hand) the time that will be spent in Transporting them to Augusta (never less than three weeks, often twice that time for Loaded Boats) and the great Distance at which the Chactaw, and Chickasaw Nations live, determined us as to the time; Especially as Governor Fauquier could not have attended the Congress at Augusta on the 15th. September & have time afterwards to preside at his Court in Virginia on the 10th. of October. Accordingly on the 3d. Instant I dispatched Letters, Inviting the Chiefs of the Chactaw, Creek, Chickasaw, Cherokee and Catawba Nations; and Enclosed to each Nation Copys of His Majesty's Instruction to his Governors respecting Lands contiguous to, possessed or Claimed

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by Indians; at the same time acquainting the Governors of the Steps I had taken & my Reasons. I am since favoured with Governor Wright's con=currance and approbation in a Letter of 20th Current.

I am now to acknowledge the Honor of your Excellency's Letters of 15th & 17th Ultimate. Gov=ernor Boone has communicated to me your Ex=cellency's Sentiments concerning the Provisions that may be necessary for the Indians at the Congress, and I shall according to your Pleasure provide for them, with the greatest Oeconomy and in the Cheapest manner I am capable of.

I have in Obedience to your Excellency's orders dispatched Letters of the 15th Current, to the Several Indian Nations within this Dis=trict; warning them against hearkening to, or regarding any Seductive Messages that may be sent to them from the Tribes to the Northward, who have rashly and ungratefully commenced Hostilities against their Benefactors: which with the Circular Letter of Invitation and the Copy's of His Majesty's Instructions to the Governors will I hope Convince them of their own true In=terest & the Happiness that is Offered to them.

I Beg leave to return your Excellency my sincerest Thanks for honoring me with your

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Confidence in Leaving to my Discretion the regulation of what Expences may Accure in my Department, re=lative to which I shall strictly Obey your Excellency's Orders in every particular, and endeavour to Observe the Utmost Oeconomy and Frugality.

About 2d. Instant three Catawbas came here, their Business was to Complain of the Cherokees for having carried off some of their Women, a Ca=tawba Woman who Escaped had formerly lived amongst the Cherokees, and knew the Leader of the party to be a fellow called Red Horse of that Na=tion. This being a Breach of the Treaty Conclud=ed with this Province after Colonel Grant's Expedi=tion Governor Boone has wrote to them upon the Subject, as I likewise did in my Letter of the 15th. Current.

Mr. Wright says in his Letter of 20th Current that the Creeks are quiet notwithstanding the In=sinuations of the French & Spaniards who now give the Indians as much Rum as they can carry away.

As it is highly propoble that His Majesty's Troops are by this time in possession of St. Augus=tine, Pancacola, and Mobile, I think it my Duty to acquaint your Excellency, that a Considera=ble trade is meditated, from hence, & Georgia, into

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the Creek & Chactaw Nations by the Rivers falling in-
-to Mobile Bay; Should your Excellency be of opinion,
that at their first outsett, the Traders, ought to be
laid under wholesome Regulations & Restrictions, to pre-
-vent abuses & Customs, which afterwards may not be
easily Removed; It will give me great pleasure to be
furnished with your Instructions for my Govern=
-ment, & I humbly submit to your Excellency's Con-
-sideration if it would not be for His Majesty's Ser-
-vice, that I should exercise the power of Licencing
Traders at Least in the New Ceded Countries, as is
practised in the Northern District, which would en-
-able me to Discharge the Duties of my Office, more
Efficatiously, as by that means I would attain a
Degree of Influence, and Consequence, amongst the
Indians, which, however necessary, I can never other-
-wise arrive at. _

I shall by first opportunity send Examplyfic-
-ations of my Commission to the Commanding Offi-
-cers of St. Augustine, Pancacola, & Mobile, who probably
may not think proper to permitt Traders to go from
their Commands amongst the Indians, before they
have your Excellency's orders, I have the Honor of be-
-ing with the Greatest Respect.

Sir, | Your Excellency's | &ca.

John Stuart

His Excellency ...
Sir Jeffery Amherst

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P.S. Since Writing the above I have the Pleasure of Learning from good Authority that one of the Catawba Women who were Carried off, has Escaped and returned, & says the Party which took them consisted of Shawnese & one Mohawk but no Cherokees.

Endorsed. Copy/ Letter from John/ Stuart Esqr. Agent for Indian/ Affairs in the Southern District,/ to Sir Jeffery Amherst/ Dated Charles Town, 30th. July 1763/ Regarding Several Matters in his/ Department; and of the Necessity/ of proper Regulations for Carrying/ on a Trade with the Indians in the/ Ceded Countrys of Florida and/ Louisianne, &c^a./ In Sir Jeff: Amherst's of the/ 3. Septr. 1763/ N°. 26.

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Copy 1.

New York, 17th August 1763.

Sir,

On the 14th Instant I Received your Letter of the 30th July: I Hope the Presents from England will Arrive in time for the Intended Meeting with the Indians: and that Every thing there will turn out so as to Answer the Gracious Intentions of His Majestys.

I shall Write particularly to the Commanding Officers at Florida & Louisianne concerning the Trade to be Carried on with the Indians: And that they may Correspond with Governor Boone & yourself, taking Care to Encourage such Persons as come to Trade with the Savages Recommended by the Governor or yourself, & Discouraging & Even punishing such as are Guilty of Frauds, or taking any Advantages of the Indians: I shall likewise Order the Commanding Officers to give the Traders Every Priviledge they can Expect without Fee or Reward; But I cannot think it Right to Grant you an Exclusive Priviledge to give Licences; as I have always Considered Every thing of that kind as Inconsistent with the Freedom & Liberty that ought to be Indulged to Every British Subject, who con-

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-forms himself to the Rules prescribed carrying on Trade in General.—

By the last Accounts from the Détroit the Vill-sins who had so long Invested that Post began to Sicken of their Attempts, altho' by their Treachery they had cutt off all the out Posts; But as Reinforcements were well Advanced when those Advices came away, & that more formidable Ones are now on the way thither, I have no Doubt but We shall soon have Ample Revenge for the Barbarities Committed in that Quarter & Every thing Re Established on a Sure Footing, so as to put it out of the power of the Savages to Repeat their Attempts with any Degree of Success.

I am,

Sir, / &ca.

Jeff: Amherst.

John Stuart Esq.

Endorsed. Copy / Letter from Sir Jeffery / Amherst to John Stuart Esqr. / Agent for Indian Affairs in the / Southern District at Charles Town / Dated New York, 17th Augt. 1763 / In Answer to Mr. Stuart's of 30th July / That he should Write particularly / to the Commanding Officers at / Florida & Louisianne for Keeping / The Trade with the Indians in / those Countrys, under proper / Regulations, &ca. / In Sir Jeff: Amherst's, of the / 3d. Sept. 1763. / No. 27.

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Extract/

Detroit August 8th 1763 –

On the 29th of July at Day break we were most Agreably Surprized by the Appearance of Captain Dalyell and his Detachment off Huron Village, they Luckily Entered the River in the Evening; and came up it under Cover of the Night, & were not Discovered till they got thither, Otherwise it would have been Impossible for so Small a Command to have Reached this for the Enemy are Numerous, and much Braver than Could be Expected, being Elevated by the Destruction of so many Posts, & the Defeat of Several Partys – On the 31st Captain Dalyell Requested as a particular favor that I would give him the Command of a Party in Order to Attempt the Surprizal of Pontiac's Camp, under Cover of the Night, to which I Answered that I was of Opinion he was too much on his Guard to Effect it; he then Said he thought I had it in my Power to give him a Stroke, and that if I did not Attempt it now, he would Run off, and I Should never have another Opportunity, this Induces me to give into the Scheme Contrary to my Judgment; & I am Extremely Sorry to Acquaint Your Excellency, that my old friend perished in the Attempt; All the Gentlemen gave

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Captain Grant the Highest Commendations for mak=ing so good a Retreat: I Refer Your Excellency to the Enclosed paper for the particulars of this Affair.—

I Hope ere this that a considerable Body of Troops have reached Niagara, on their way hither. Fourteen or Fifteen Hundred will be a Sufficient Force to Chastize the indians Depending on this Post. And I think it can't be done Effectually with much Less, as the Enemy are gathering from all Quarters, and their Settlements are a good deal Scattered.—

Pontiac is now Encamped behind a Morass about Six Miles up the River, where the Vessells can't come at Him; But I Believe he might be Routed by Six or Seven Hundred Men.— As the Enemy are Masters of the Country, I find it very Difficult getting fire Wood.—

His Excellency } Henry Gladwin.
Sir Jeffery Amherst }.

Endorsed Extract/ Letter from Major/ Gladwin, Command=ing Officer/ at the Détroit to Sir Jeffery/ Amherst/ Dated Détroit, 8th August 1763/ Enclosing a Detail of the/ Un=successfull Attempt made by a/ Body of Troops under the Command/ of Captain Dalyell, to Surprize the/ Indian's Camp, near the Détroit;/ In which Attempt Captain Dalyell/ Lost his Life/ No. 28.

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Copy/.

Detail of the Action of the 31st July 1763. Commanded by Captain Dalyell against the Indian Nations near Fort Detroit....

On the Evening of the 30th July at Major Gladwin's Room, Captain Dalyell being fully per=suaded Pontiac the Indian Chief with his Tribes would soon Abandon his Design & Retire, Insisted with the Commandant, Contrary to his opinion & the opinion of the French Gentlemen who well knew the Disposition of the Enemy, as well as the Intelligence they must have Received from the Disaffected French, that they might be Surprized in their Camp Totally Routed, & drove out of the Settlement; after many Arguments for, & against the Enterprize; Captain Dalyell at last said that Major Gladwin might do as he pleased but that he realy saw there was no Difficulty in the Exe=cution, & giving them an Irrecoverable Blow, or Words to that purpose: On which it was soon De-termined that Captain Dalyell was to march Out with 247 Men of the Best Troops, Therefore we March=ed about half an Hour after two in the Morn=ing, two Deep, along the great Road by the River Side, two Boats up the River along Shore with a Patteraro in Each, with Orders to keep up with

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the Line of March; Cover our Retreat, & take off our Killed & Wounded, Lieut Bean of the Queens Inde=pendents being Ordered with a Rear Guard & to Con=vey the Dead & Wounded to the Boats: About a Mile & a half from the Fort we had Orders to Form into Platoons, & if Attacked in the Front to Fire by the Street Firings, we then Advanced, and in about a Mile further our Advanced Guard Commanded by Lieut: Brown of the 55th Regiment had been Fired up=on, Just Close to the Enemys Breast Works, & Cover so Close that the Fire being very Heavy it not only Killed & Wounded Some of his Party but Communi=cated to the Main Body, and being Unexpectedly Staggeird & put the whole into a Little Confusion, but soon Recovered their Order & gave the Enemy, or Rather their Works, it being very Dark a Dis=charge or two from the Front Commanded by Captain Gray, at the same time the Rear Command=ed by Captain Grant were Fired upon from a House & some Fences about Twenty Yards on His Left, on which he ordered his Own & Captain Hopkins's Com=panys to Face to the Left, & give a full Fire that way, the Enemy then it appeared having given way Every where, Captain Dalyell sent Orders to Captain Grant to take possession of the Above said Houses & Fences, which he Immediately Did & Entered; he found in

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the House two Men who told him the Enemy had been there long & well Apprized of our Design: Captain Grant then Asked them the numbers: They said above 300. and that they Intended as soon as they Attacked us in the Front to get in our Rear & between us & the Fort which Captain Grant told Captain Dalyell who came to him when the Firing was over. And in about an hour after he came to him again with Mr Baby, & Mr St Martin, two French Gentlemen who had gone with him as Volunteers & Guides, & told Captain Grant he was Intended to Retire, & Ordered him to March in the Front, & Post himself in the Orchard which would be Shewen him, by Monsr. Baby, he then Marched, & about half a Mile further on his Retreat, he had some Shots Fired on his Flank, but got Possession of an Orchard well Fenced, and just as he got there, he heard a Warm Firing in the Rear, having at the Same time a firing on his own Post, from the Fences & Corn Fields behind it, Lieut Mc Dougal who Acted as Adjutant to the Detachment came up to him, Captain Grant, & told him Captain Dalyell was Killed, & Captain Gray very much Wounded in making a push on the Enemy & Forcing them out of a Strong Breastwork of Cord Wood; And an Entrenchment they had taken Possession off, and that the Command than Devolved upon him, Lieut

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Bean Immediately came up & told him that Captain Rogers had desired him to tell Captain Grant that he had taken possession of a House, and that he had better Retire with what numbers he had, as he Cap=tain Rogers could not get off, without the Boats to Cover him, he being hard pushed by the Enemy from the Enclosures behind him, Some of which Scoured the Road thro' which he must Retire, Captain Grant then Sent Ensign Pauli with 20 Men back to At=tack a Party of the Enemy which Annoyed his own Post a little, and Gauled those who were Joyn=ing him, from the place where Captain Dalyell was Killed, & Captain Gray, Lieut^t. Brown & Luke were Wounded, which Ensign Pauli did & Killed some of the Enemy in their Flight: Captain Grant at the same time Detached all the Men he could get & took Possession of the Enclosures, Barns, Fences &ca. lead=ing from his own Post to the Fort, which Posts he Reinforced with the Officers & Men as they came up, thinking the Retreat then Secured; he Sent back to Captain Rogers desiring he would come off that the Retreat was quite Secured, and the Different Partys ordered to Cover One Another, Successively Untill the whole had Joyned, but Captain Rogers not find=ing it Right to Risque the Loss of more Men, he Chose to wait for the Armed Boat One of which

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Appeared Soon, Commanded by Lieut Brehm, who Cap=
=tain Grant had Directed to go & Cover Captain Rogers's Retreat,
who was in the Next House pointing it to him; Lieut:
Brehm Accordingly went & fired Several Shots at the
Enemy; Lieut: Abbott with the other Boat, wanting
Ammunition, went down with Captain Gray, Lieut:
Brown & Some Wounded Men, Returned also Which
Captain Grant Supposes the Enemy Seeing did not
wait her Arrival, but Retired on Lieut: Brehm's Fir=
=ing, & gave Captain Rogers with the Rear, an
Opportunity to come off; so that the whole from
the Different Posts Joyned, without any Confusion
and Marched to the Fort in good Order Covered by
the Armed Boats on the Waterside and by our own
Partys on the Country Side in View of the Enemy
who were all Joyned & much Stronger than at the
Beginning of the Affair as was Afterwards told, by
some Prisoners that made their Escape many hav=
=ing Joyned them from the otherside the River, &
other Places the Whole Arrived at the Fort about Eight o'Clock.

Endorsed. Copy/ Detail of the/ Action with the Indians,
in/ Endeavoring to Surprize their/ Camp, near the De=
=troit, on the/ 31st July 1763/ Enclosed in Major Gladwin's
Letter/ to Sir Jeffery Amherst of the 8th Augst. 1763./ No. 29.

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Copy 7.

Return of Killed & Wounded of the Several Detachments

Corps..	Captains Killed	Captains Wounded
55th Regiment	"	1
Royal Americans	"	"
60th Regiment	"	"
Queen's Rangers	"	"
Total	"	1

N. B: Captain Dalyell, Killed, not Included in the above

Names of the Officers Wounded

Captain Gray
Lieutenant Luke } 55th Regiment..
Lieutenant Brown

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near the Détroit July 31st 1762

Lieutenants		Ensigns		Serjeants		Drummers		Rank & File.	
Killed	Wounded	Killed	Wounded	Killed	Wounded	Killed	Wounded	Killed	Wounded
..	2	..	..	1	..	..	1	13	28
..	..	..	..	..	..	..		1	6
..	..	..	..	..	..	..		2	3
..	..	..	..	..	..	..		2	1
..	2	..	..	1	..	..	1	18	38

Extract/.

Detroit August 11th: 1763.

Since my Last to your Excellency of the 8th Instant a Duplicate of which I now Enclose You, upwards of Two Hundred Indians Joyned Pontiac, & the St. Joseph Indians are Expected every moment, so that I Believe I shall be Invested by upwards of a Thousand; I Hope Your Excellency has Ordered a Respectable Body of Troops this way, as it may prevent many other Nations Entering into the War, who are now only waiting to See what turn Affairs take; Mr. Baby thinks, if two or three Hundred Picked Canadians came with the Army it would have a very good Effect, as it would let the Indians See that the French are not a Seperate People as they Imagine, upon Whom they Depend for Supplies.- If your Excellency has Raised such a Corps, or Intend to Raise it, You Can't give the Command of a Hundred of them to a better Man than Baby. I Hope to See a good many Whaleboats with the Army, as they are the only thing for a push.-

Henry Gladwin

His Excellency
Sir Jeffery Amherst }

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Copy/.

New York, 24th August 1763.

Sir,

The Secretary of State having Signifyed to me, that as my Commission under the Great Seal, of Commander in Chief of all His Majesty's Forces in North America, Includes Florida, & the Country Ced=ed by Spain, on this Continent; And Likewise, the Country Ceded by France on the Left Side of the Mississippi; It is the King's Pleasure, I should give the Necessary Orders to the Officers Command=ing the Troops Destined for those Places; for Putt=ing Every thing on a proper Footing, for the Se=curity of the Several Posts, as well as the Keep=ing the Entire Possession of the Countrys so Ceded, agreable to the Definitive Treaty of Peace, Signed at Paris, the 10th February 1763._

That I may Execute His Majesty's Commands, in as Clear a manner as possible, I Have Pitched upon You, to Proceed to Florida & Louisianne, with my Orders to the Commanding Officers, which You will Receive herewith, & which are Left Open for your Perusal; And I am to Acquaint You, that it is my Intention You should first Direct your Course to St. Augustine, where You will Find the Commanding Officer of the 9th Regiment; and the Officer Command=

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=ing the 35th Regiment, will probably be gone with that Corps to Pensacola; these two Regiments being Destined for Florida and its Dependencies. — Your Chief Busi=ness at St. Augustine, after You have Delivered the Commanding Officer my Dispatches, will be to Inform Yourself of the particular State & Condition of the Fortifications & Other Publick Works, belonging to that Place; the Number of Troops Necessary for Garrisoning it; What Guns, Artillery, Stores, &ca. are there at pre=sent, & What more will be Wanted: And Likewise, the Small Arms that You Judge may be Requisite for the Garrison, over & Above what the Regiments have with them. —

From St. Augustine You will proceed to Pensacola, where You are to make the Same Enquiry concern=ing the State of Every thing regarding that Gar=rison, & the Country belonging to it, taking the Vessells with You; and when You have fully In=formed Yourself of Every thing Regarding Pensa=cola, &ca. You will proceed to the Mobile, to Joyn the Commanding Officer of the 22d. & 31st. Regiments Ordered thither: It is uncertain what particular Place he may be at; but You will Easily get In=telligence, on your Arrival at the Mobile. —

After Delivering him the Dispatches, You will Enter upon the same Enquiry Regarding the State

of that Country, as Directed concerning the other Places; proceeding up the River as far as You may think Necessary, to procure all the Intelligence You can; And Disposing of the Troops, agreably to the Information You may Receive from what the Commanding Offi=cer may have Learnt; or by making Application to the Governor of Louisianne, Or the Officer Com=manding at New Orleans, (to Whom I herewith Enclose You a Letter) of the Posts they have Garri=soned, & that may be Necessary to be taken po=ssession of by Us, to Secure the Frontiers.—

I Believe the Chief Posts the French had on the Lower Part of the Mississippi were (Ex=cepting New Orleans) on the Left of the River as You go up; It will however be Necessary, that You get the best Information You can, in regard to the Posts Below; And I Enclose you a Descrip=tion of the Principal Fort the French had, on the Right of the River, and on the Upper part, as far as the Limits of Canada, with the Dependent Posts, as I have Received it from a Frenchman, who Seems to have been pretty well Acquainted with that Country; And as it Appears by this Ac=count, that the French had generally Four or Five Companys, under the Command of a Major, to Garri=son those Posts; I Would have You, according to the

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Information You may Receive, Detach Four or Five Companys, under the Command of a Proper Officer, to Garrison the Several Posts on the Upper part of the Mississippi, the Commanding Officer Fixing his Quarters at Fort de Chartres, the Principal Post; and taking Care to make his Reports Regularly to the Officer Commanding the Troops in Louisianne. As to the Post mentioned in this Account as Laying at the Fall or Rapides, 25 Leagues above the Junction of the Wabasche, with the Ohio I Intend that it should Depend on the Garrison of Fort Pitt; but the present Insurrection of the Indians that Way, Renders it Unsafe to Send a Detachment from Fort Pitt; I Have however Acquainted Colonel Bouquet, that there is such a Post, which hereafter will Naturally from its Situation be Dependent on Fort Pitt, and have Directed him, if he can get an Opportunity to Write to the Commanding Officer, Acquainting him of the Cession of that Country, and that he may Expect a Party from Below to take Possession of that Post for His Majesty, agreably to the Treaty of Peace. As this Post must have been Garrisoned from the Troops Below, You will therefore take such Measures as You Judge will best Serve for Taking Possession of it, if it can be Done with Safety: The Craft I now Send with You, I Judge will Answer for Pro=

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=ceeding up the River Mississippi; And You will take such Additional Ones on the Spot, or Hire such Boats as may be Necessary for Executing the Above Orders.–

There is a Small Detachment of the Royal Artillery, that went with the Troops from the Ha=vana: They must Remain untill I can Form the Companys of that Corps, which I Intend for Flor=ida & Louisianne; and then the Above Detach=ment will be Relieved, for which the Necessary Orders will be Sent.–

Should the 3^d^ Battalion of Royal Americans, be at Pensacola, when you Arrive there, You are hereby Directed to Draft the Men of the Said Batt^n^ that are fit for Service, and are not Entitled to their Discharges into the 22^d^ 34th & 35th Regiments, or as many as may be Wanted to Compleat the said Corps, to the New Establishment; Send=ing the Officers, & the Remaining men of the 3^d^ Battalion, 60th to this Place: Or, If You meet the said Battalion at Sea, near Pensacola, You are hereby authorized, to Order the Transport, or Trans-ports, to Return, with as many Officers as may be Necessary for the Care of the Men; And on Your Arrival at Pensacola, You will Draft the Men as Above Directed, Sending the Officers, &c^a^, by

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the first opportunity to New York; And Transmitt=
=ing me Returns, agreable to the Directions You will
Observe in my Letters to the Commanding Officers.
Respecting the Formation of the Regiments, accord=
=ing to the New Plan—

Enclosed You have a Return of the Provisions
already Shipt, and that are hereafter to be Sent;
There are likewise Two Months Provisions for Two
Hundred Men, on Board the Venus: And that
You may be thoroughly Informed of Every thing
put under your Charge, I Enclose you a List of
the Vessells, with the Names of the Officers, the
Number of Men, and particular Articles on Board Each.

I Have Directed Mr. Mortier to put up Five
Months Subsistence for the Four Regiments, in Sep=
=arate Boxes, and to Ship the Same on Board the
Hannah, under your Charge: You will give him
a Receipt for the Boxes, and I Have Ordered him
to Insure the Money: You will See, by Perusing
the Enclosed Letters to the Paymasters, How that
Money is to be Issued; And as Some Contingent
Expences will Necessarily Arise, from the Nature of the
Service You are going on, You are hereby Authorized
to Apply what may be Wanted on that Accompt,
out of the Surplus of the said Monies; for the
Sums Shipt, are for the Subsistence of the Regi=

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-ments for Five Months, Supposing them Compleat to the New Establishment; And as Mr. Keppel Writes me, that he had Furnished Lt. Colonel Prevost, with Three Thousand Pounds Sterling; and Captain Hedges of the Royal, with One Thousand Pounds which they were to Issue for the Subsistence, &ca, of their Re-spective Corps, and Afterwards to Accompt for the Same, I Conclude there will be a Considerable Ballance Left of the said Sums, which You will Receive, and Use as Occasion may Require, taking proper Vouchers for all your Disbursements, that the Accompts may be Settled hereafter. –

Mr. Mallet the Surgeon, with his two Mates, are entirely under your Direction; as are the Three Commissarys, whom You will Dispose of, as You shall Judge best for the Service, placing Mr. Campbell, to whom I have given a Warrant as Deputy, in the most Centrical Place. –

In Perusing my Several Letters herewith, You will be fully Informed of my Intentions, Regarding the Troops that are to Remain, for the Protection of the Country, &ca; And I Have only to Add, that, after You have Executed the foregoing Orders, and Settled Every thing agree-able thereto, to the best of your Judgement, You will Transmit to me a full Report of the Whole, that

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I may be Enabled to give the Necessary Directions for making any Addition to the Several Posts and for Furnishing Whatever may be further Wanted, in such a manner as may Answer Every End His Majesty has been Pleased to Propose, by Entrusting me with the Direction of this Service: And Should You think proper to Remain at Either of those Places, untill You hear from me, You are hereby Directed to Take upon You, and to Continue with, the Com=mand of the Troops, as mentioned in my Letter to the Officers, of this Date, untill further Orders.—

I am,

Sir, / &ca.

Jeff: Amherst.

Lt. Colonel Robertson
of His Majesty's 15th Regt. of Foot.}

Endorsed Copy, Sir Jeffery Amherst's/ Instructions/ To Lt. Colonel Robertson, / on his going with the Orders/ for the Arrangement of the Troops,/ &ca. at Florida & Louisianne. / Dated New York, 24th. Augst. 1763/ In Sir Jeff: Amherst's, of the / 3d. Septr. 1763/ No. 32

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Copy 1.

New York, 23.d Aug.t 1763.

Alterations,
To the Officer Commanding in Louisianne.

Sir,

I Herewith Enclose You a Letter from the Secretary of State, which will Inform You of His Majesty's Pleasure, that You should Obey all such Orders as You may Receive for your Conduct, from me, or the Commander in Chief, for the time being, of His Majesty's Forces in North America. –

I Therefore Dispatch Lt. Colonel Robertson, with these Orders; And that he may Return to me, after having Informed himself of the present State of the Country, Posts, &ca. according to the Directions I have given to him for that Purpose, with a full Report of the Whole, that a proper Disposition may be made of the Troops under your Command; But, in the meantime, I have Empowered him to Order such Detachments to be made as he shall judge Requisite for taking Possession of the Upper Posts, from the Information he may Receive: You will therefore Obey such Orders as Lt. Colonel Robert-

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-son may give You, regarding these Matters.

The King has been Graciously Pleased to Leave it to me, to Send any Officer I shall Judge proper to take the Command of the Troops to be Stationed† in *Florida*, & the Country Ceded by *Spain* on the Continent of North America;† And I am to Acquaint You that I Think proper to Leave the said Command in your Hands untill further Orders.—

†at the *Mobile*, & the Ceded Coun-try on the Left of the *Mississi-ppi*.

You have already had the Orders for the Reduction of the Regiments, according to the New Plan; But as Mr. Keppel, for want of Seamen, was Necessitated to take Home the Men that were Allotted to Com-pleat the Corps Destined to the South-ward, I shall Try to Effect it as soon as possible.† Mr. Keppel however Writes me that he had Sent Orders for the Drafting of the Companys of the Royal to Complent Whitmores, which will Answer very well, as I Would have *One* Company of that Regiment Sent Immediately to the Island of *Providence*, and Another to *Bermudas*, to Replace the Companys of Independents now Stationed at those Places, as those

†and, in the mean-time, You are to Conform to the orders given by Mr. Keppel, regard-ing the New Es-tablishment, Ob-serving, &ca. and when the Regi-ments are Form-ed according to the New Plan, &ca.

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Companys are to be Entirely Disbanded. The Officers Commanding the Companys of Whitmore's must Compleat their Respective Companys, by the Best men of the Independents; †Observing that the Companys are to Consist of Forty Five Real Effectives, two Contingent Men being Allowed, which make up the Establishment to Forty Seven: You will Observe the same Rule in Forming the Other Companys; And when the Regiments are Formed according to the New Plan (of Which I Enclose You a Copy) You will Transmit to me particular Returns, with Exact Lists of the Names, Rank &ca, of the Officers that are Reduced as well as of those that Stand, that I may Transmit the Same to the Secretary at War.—

This Paragraph Entirely Omitted.

I Enclose you Orders open for your Perusal, to the Captains, or Officers, You Send with the Companys to Providence & Bermudas, And One of the Sloops, which I Now Send You, may be Employed in Carrying the Companys to their Destinations.—

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I See the Bedding You had with You is very Incompleat; I Have therefore Ordered a Sufficiency to make up 1000, for your Department+; and I Have Likewise Ordered the Director of the Hospital to put up a Chest of Such Medicines as may be thought Necessary for Each Corps, which You will Accordingly Receive.+ –

+And I Likewise order a Surgeon of the Hospital, with two Mates, & a proper Assortment of Medicines, &c.a to proceed, at the same time, with Lt. Colonel Robertson, & they will Remain with You untill further Orders: I also Send You a Box of Medicines for Each Corps, which the Director of the Hospital has made up from the Report Mr. Hopkins made him of the Medicines that were sent with the Regts.

And as I Find the Provisions that have been Sent, would prove very Deficient for what may be Wanted; I am taking Steps for Sending You Sufficient Supplys for a Twelve Month, which shall be Sent as fast as it can be got.

But here I Think it Necessary to Acquaint You, as I am not Certain that Mr. Keppel Apprized You thereof, that I Have Received Directions from the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, as well as from the Secretary at War, in Consequence of Their Lordship's Application to him, for making Stoppages from the Pay of the Troops that shall be Stationed at such Places where Provisions are Supplyed them by the Crown, of Four pence Sterling, ℘ Diem, from Each Non

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Commissioned Officer & Private Man, to=
=wards Defraying the Expence of Provisions
that shall be Found for them by the Pub=
=lick; this being agreable to what was prac=
=tised during the Last Peace: You will
therefore take Care, that the said Stopp=
=ages are made from the Troops under your
Command, for Every Portion that is Re=
=ceived in Kind (as by this the men are
not Obliged to Draw Provisions, if they
can Subsist themselves at a Cheaper
Rate). And to Commence the Day after
you Receive these Orders. — † These Orders to
be given to the Commanding Officers of
the Companys Ordered to Providence &
Bermudas, that they may Observe the
same in Regard to the Stoppages. †

† Omitted †

Altho' I could have Wished the
Stoppage had not been so great at First;
I must own, on Considering Several Ad=
=vantages a Soldier may now have in
this Country, by Cultivating Some Ground
where he may happen to be Quartered, or
Providing himself with Fish, Game
&ca., the Hardship does not Appear so
great as at first View; for, by the Above

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Advantages, the Men may for the most part, Do very well with Four Rations for Eight Days, which they may Receive in the Species that will best Answer to them; So that, Instead of Four pence ℘ Diem, they will only be Subject to a Stoppage of Two pence. —

By this Regulation, You will Observe that No Officer can be Entitled to more than One Ration: for which, if he Draws it, a Stoppage must likewise be made of Fourpence Sterling: This, of Course, Strikes off all Women; and the Detachment of the Royal Artillery must be Subject to the Same Regulation. —

Having, in Obedience to His Majesty's Commands for procuring a a full & particular Account of the Countrys on this Continent which have been Reduced to His Obedience, during the Course of the Late Successfull War, already Transmitted to the Secretary of State, particular Reports of the State & Condition of the Several Governments in Canada: I am Now to Desire, You will in like manner, so soon as you conveniently can, Send me a particular State & Condition of all the Forts, Posts, Places & Country, under your Command, within your Jurisdiction,

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according to the following Plan, that I may Transmit the Same to the Secretary of State, for His Majesty's Information.—

You will Endeavor to Procure, from the best Intelligence You may be able to get, the Amount & State of the Revenue of the Country within your Jurisdiction; the Several Products of the Soil; and what was the Expence of the Government while under the Dominion of the +King of Spain+; What Importance & Advantages their Former Master Derived from them: What part of the Management of this Province appears Worthy to be Adopted, & What Rejected; And in What Case there is any Opening for Reformation or Improvement; as also, the State of Population, and most Especially to make Known Whatever You can Learn as to the Dispositions of the Inhabitants on the Change of their Masters; And particularly If any, & how many of them, have Left their Habitations & Emigrated; or are preparing, or Seem Inclined so to Do.

+ French King.

These are the Heads on which You are to Form your Report; And I am further to Acquaint You, that I Have it Expressly

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in Command from the King, to Recommend it to You to Employ the most Vigilant Attention, & take the most Effectual Care that the †Spanish† Inhabitants (Who being now Equally His Majesty's Subjects are Consequently Equally Entitled to His Protection) be Humanely & Kindly Treated, and that they Do Enjoy the full Benefit of that Indulgent & Benign Government, which already Characterizes His Majesty's Auspicious Reign, & Constitutes the peculiar Happiness of all Who are Subject to the British Empire: You will Likewise give the Strictest Orders to Prevent all Soldiers, Mariners, & Others from Insulting & Reviling any of the ‡Spanish‡ Inhabitants, now their Fellow Subjects, Either by Ungenerous Insinuation of that Inferiority which the Fate of War has Decided, or by Harsh & provoking Observations on their Language, Dress, Manners, Customs, or Country; Or, by Uncharitable Reflections on the Errors of that Mistaken Religion, which they Unhappily Profess; And as there is no Regular Civil Government as yet Established; It is the King's Pleasure that You Do properly Exert that Authority under which You at present Act to Punish such Persons, as shall Disregard His Majesty's Orders,

† French

‡ French

in a matter so Essential to His Interests. -

With regard to your Indian Neighbors the greatest Circumspection & Care must be Observed in the Treatment of them; For, at the same time, that You are always to be upon your Guard, so as never to put it in their power to Surprize any of your Garrisons; And that it must be a Never Failing Rule with You, that You are not to Trust them, yet they are to be Treated upon the same Principles of Humanity & Indulgence, while they Behave Quiet & Peaceably; And You will Endeavor to Prevent any Frauds being Committed by the Traders with the Indians, punishing such as are Guilty of Imposing on those Ignorent People, which may be a means of Conciliating their minds to the English Government, against which, at first, they may be somewhat Prejudiced.

I Think it Necessary to Send You a Warrant, Empowering You to Assemble General Courts Martial, and to Appoint Presidents, & Deputy Judge Advocates to the Same, as there may be Occasion; And for the better Preservation of Good Order & Discipline, in the Troops under your Command, by the said Warrant You are Authorized, in Cases of Mutiny & Desertion, to Put the Sentences into Execution,

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Even if they should Extend to Death: Enclosed are Forms for Appointing the Presidents, & Deputy Judge Advocates.

I Enclose You a Copy of the Definitive Treaty of Peace, for your Guidance & Information; And I Have only, at present, to add, that You will Give Lt. Colonel Robertson all the Assistance and Information in your power, in the Execution of my Orders: And that You will Transmit to me by Every Opportunity, Monthly Returns of the Troops under your Command, Reporting, at the same time, any thing Remarkable that may happen within your District.—

I am, | Sir, | &ca.

Jeff. Amherst

To the Commanding Officer of Whitmore's & Otway's Regiments in Florida, & the Country Ceded by Spain on the Continent of North America.

N.B. The Like Orders to the Commanding Officer of Gage's & Cavendish's Regiments, at the Mobile & Country Ceded by France on the Left of the Mississippi With Alterations, as ℘ Margin.—

Endorsed. Copy./ Sir Jeffery Amherst's | Orders/ To the Officers Commanding at Florida & Louisianne, | Sent with Lt Colonel Robertson, | for the Settlement of Everything | in those Countrys. | Dated New York 23d. Augst. 1763 | In Sir Jeff: Amherst's of the | 3d Septr. 1763 | No. 33.

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Copy 1.

New York, 24th Augst 1763.

Sir,

Altho', in my Other Letter which ac=companys this, I Acquaint You that I Intend to Leave the Command of the Troops in *Florida* and its Dependencies, in your Hands, untill further Orders, You will Ob=serve that that is not to Take place, while Lt. Colonel Robertson Remains with You; for, during his Residence in *Florida*, the Command is Vested in him.–

Alterations,– To The officer Com=manding at *Louis=ianne*. *Louisianne*. *Louisianne*.

Lt. Colonel Robertson will fully Inform You of the Quantity of Provisions now sent,† which I Intend should† Compleat the Troops in your Department, to the 1st August 1764; And as I Have no Advice of any Measure having been taken for Supplying the Regiments, with Subsistence, I Have thought proper to Direct the Dep: Paymr. General, to Pack up Five Months Subsistence for Each Regiment, Reckoning them Compleat to the new Establishment, and to Send the Same under the Care of Lt. Colonel Robertson: Enclosed You have Letters to the Pay masters, open for your Perusal: And

†and of what will Follow, to Compleat veas.

You will take Care that proper Warrants are Granted for the Subsistence of Each Regiment for the Effectives only; So that, in the present Low State of the Regiments, there will be a considerable Overplus, which will Serve to Answer any necessary Contingent Expences that may Arise, or be Applyed to the Subsistence of future Musters. —

Lt. Colonel Robertson will Likewise Deliver You Lists of the Few Men, that I have been able to Pick up, for the Regiments in your District and that I now Send in the Transports under his Command. —

In Addition to what I have mentioned in my Other Letter, regarding the Indians; I am to Acquaint You, that as it is most probable many Traders from South Carolina, & Other Parts, may Resort to your District, to Carry on a Traffick with the Savages; It will Behove you to be particularly Cautious of Enquiring into the Characters of the said Traders, before You Permit them to have any Dealings with the Indians: Those Who come Recommended by the Governor of South Carolina, or by the Governor of any of the Other Colonies.

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Or by the Agent for Indian Affairs; are to be Encouraged and Passes Granted to them, as Well as to any Others, who Conform to the Rules Prescribed, without Fee or Reward: But should any of them be Detected in Committing Frauds, or Otherwise Breaking thro' the Orders that You may think proper to give, Relative to the said Trade, they are not only to be Discouraged, but Even Punished, as the Nature of their Crime may Deserve: I Have Acquainted the Governor of South Caro-lina, & Mr. Stuart the Agent of the Orders I now send You; and that You would, from time to time, Correspond with them on any Matters Relative to Indian Af-fairs, in your District, and that might have any Connection with the Indians in their Neighborhood. _

I am, Sir, &ca.

Jeff: Amherst.

To the Commanding Officer of Whitmore's & Otways Regts. in Florida, & the Country Ceded by Spain, on the Continent of North America

N. B. The Like Orders, To the Commanding Officer of Gage's & Cavendish's Regiments at the Mobile & Coun-try Ceded by France on the Left of the Mississippi; With the Alterations as ꝑ Margin.

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Copy 1.

New York, 23d August 1763.

Sir,

In a Letter I Have Received from His Majesty's Secretary at War, is the following Paragraph.

"The King having been pleased to "Order the Independent Company, at the "Island of Providence to be forthwith Disbanded, I am to Acquaint you, It is His "Majesty's Pleasure that you make a Detachment from such of the Forces under your Command, as you shall think "fit, Equal to One Company, with a proper Number of Commissioned, & Non Commissioned Officers & cause the Said Detachment to be Transported on Board "such Vessells as you shall Hire for that "Purpose, to Providence, for the Service of "that Island."

Bermudas. [margin note beside "Island of Providence"]

Bermudas [margin note beside "that Island"]

I Have therefore in Obedience to the King's Commands, Ordered a Company of the 9th Regiment now at Florida, to Replace the Company of Independents which is to be Disbanded at Providence; And the Commanding Officer will Deliver you

Bermudas [margin note beside "Disbanded at Providence"]

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this, that you may agreable to the Orders you may have Received from His Majesty. Disband the Company of Independents, furnishing first as many good able Bodied Men as may be wanted to fill up & Compleat the Company of the 9th Regiment to the New Establishment.—

The Officer Commanding the Company of the 9th Regiment, will shew you the Orders I Have given him, And you will please to Dispose of the Said Company in such a Manner, as you shall Judge best for the Service, & the Protection of the Island.—

I am,

Sir, | &ca. | Jeff: Amherst

To the Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time Being, of His Majesty's Island of Providence Bahama.

N.B. The Like Letter. To the Governor, Or Commander in Chief, for the time Being, of His Majesty's Island of Bermudas.

Endorsed. Copy/ Letter from Sir Jeffery | Amherst to the Governors, or | Commanders in Chief for the | time being, of His Majesty's | Islands of Providence and | Bermudas; Acquainting them | of his Sending Companys of the | 9th Regiment to Replace the | Independents, in their Respective | Governments, which are to be | Disbanded | Dated New York, 23d Augst. 1763 | In Sir Jeff: Amherst's, of the | 3d. Septr. 1763 | No. 35.

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Copy/.

By His Excellency Sir Jeffery Amherst &ca, &ca, &ca.

To Lt Colonel James Robertson of His Majesty's 15th Regiment of Foot.—

Whereas I Have Delivered You Instructions for Executing a particular Service at Florida & Louisianne; & Likewise Empowered you to take the Command of the Troops in the Said Districts, during the time you shall Judge it Necessary for the Service to Remain there; These are therefore to Direct & Require All the Officers & Soldiers of His Majesty's Forces Stationed or to be Stationed in Florida & Louisianne; And all Others whom it may Concern, to Obey you as their Commanding Officer so long as you shall Judge it Necessary to Act as Such: Or untill You are Superceded by a Superior Officer, & a proper Authority.—

Given &ca. New York, 24th August 1763.

Endorsed. Copy/. Sir Jeffery Amherst's/ Orders/ To the Troops at Florida &/ Louisianne, to Obey Lt Colonel/ Robertson as their Commanding/ Officer &ca. / Dated New York, 24th Augst. 1763/ In Sir Jeff: Amherst's, of the/ 3d Septr. 1763./ No. 36.

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Copie /.

A La Nouvelle York, le 23. d'Août 1763.

Monsieur,

Le Colonel Robertson, qui aura l'Honneur de Remettre cette Lettre Entre les Mains de Vôtre Excellence, doit Commander les Trouppes de Sa Majesté Britan=nique, Sur la Mobile, Et du Coté Gauche du Fleuve Mississippi, Selon l'Article Septieme du Traité Defin=itif du 10me de Fevrier 1763. –

J'ai l'Honneur de Demander a Vôtre Excellence ces Bontés, pour cet Officier, pendant son Sejour dans ce Païs, Et qu'Elle veut bien donner les Intelligen=ces Necessaries au Colonel Robertson, enfin que cet Officier peut etre au fait de tout ce qui regarde le dit Païs, aussi bien que les Forts, Et les Postes, qui ont été Possedés par les Trouppes de Sa Majesté Très Chrétienne, Et sont Cedés par le Susdit Traité – I Prie à Vôtre Excellence de Croire que Je Serai Charmé, Si Il se presentoient des Occasions, qui me misrent à mon Tour, de faire les Choses qui puissent Luy Etre agréables, Et de Vous Convaincre de la parfaite Con=sideration avec laquelle j'ai l'Honneur d'Etre,

de Votre Excellence, / &ca.

Jeff: Amherst.

Son Excellence

Le Gouverneur de La Nouvelle Orleans, &ca. &ca.

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Copy/.

New York, 24th August 1763.—

Sir,

As the Sums that may Remain after paying the Subsistence of the Corps at Florida & Louisianne, Including what was Sent by Governor Keppel, & mentioned in my orders to you of this Date, may not be Sufficient to Answer all the Necessary Contingent Expences which may Arise; and that I would have you fully provided for Every Exigency that can happen, so that the Service you go upon may not be Retarded; I herewith Enclose you an Order to Mr. Mortier to Supply you with One Thousand Pounds Sterling; On Accompt of Extraordinary Expences which may be Incurred by you, in the Execution of the Intended Service; for which you are to be Accomptable; and a proper Warrant Granted for the same hereafter.

I am, / Sir, / &ca.

Jeff. Amherst

Lt. Colonel Robertson

Endorsed. Copy / Letter from Sir Jeffery / Amherst to Lt. Colonel Robertson / Enclosing an Order on Mr. Mortier / for £1000 Sterling; for the Extraordinary / Expences that may be Incurred / at Florida & Louisianne / Dated New York, 24th. Augst. 1763 / In Sir Jeff: Amhersts, of the / 3d. Septr. 1763. / No. 38.

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Acc^t. of Provisions Shipt on Board the Undermentioned
-der to Victual 1928 Men at Florida & Louisianne, for

		Pork.		Flour.	
		Barrels	Pounds	Barrels	Pounds
1763. Aug^st. 18th.	Brig Hannah, John Thurston	60	12570	220	43095
	Sloop Curacoa Henry White..	200	42000	100	17867
	Sloop Peggy, John M^c. Coy...	60	12300	———	———
22	Sloop Tryal, Daniel Bates...	100	20500	350	64438
	Total....	420	87370	670	125400
Requisite to Victual 1928 Men for 270 Days		———	297463	———	520560
Remains to be Shipt		———	210093	———	395160
The Remaining Pounds bear^s. are thrown in Packages & Tonnage..........		1025	Tons 171	2195	Tons 274½

Total Kings Tonnage required to Send the Remainder Viz^t.

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Brig & Three Sloops & what Remains to be Shipt in Ov-
7 Months or 270 Days—

New York, 22d August 1763.

Butter.		Oil.		Rice.		Pease.	
Barrels	Pounds	Jarrs	Pints	Tierces	Pounds	Barrels	Bushels.
———	———	———	———	———	———	———	———
12	2520	———	———	10	5300	———	———
———	———	———	———	———	———	———	———
3	565	———	———	3	1590	3	13½
15	3085	———	———	13	6890	3	13½.
———	20687	———	7200	———	37183	———	3329¾
———	17602	———	7200	———	30293	———	3316¼
88	Tons 14¾	30	Tons. 7½	57	Tons 28½	737	Tons 147½

643¾

List of the Transports under the Direction of Lt. Colonel Robertson, With the Particulars on Board Each .... New York, 24th. August 1763.

Vessell's names	Master's names	Officers, Men, &ca. On Board		Total including Officers
Ship Venus ...	Wm. Duffiets	9th. Regimt.: Capt. Harris, Capt. Aylwood, Lt. Pampillon, Ensign Hawkins	4	
		Serjeant .. 1 .. Rank & File .. 12 ..	13	17.
		22d. Regimt.: Captain Lt. Briscoe	1	
		Serjts. 5 .. Drums 1 .. R & F .. 58 ..	64	65.
		34th. Regimt.: Captain Ogle, Lieut. Hall, Lieut. Griffith	3	
		Serjts. 3 .. Drums 2 R & F. 23 ..	28	31.
		35th. Regimt.: Captain Mackinnon, Lieut. Campbell, Lieut. Browne, Lieut. Lysaght	4	
		Serjeants 2 Drums 3 R & F 10 ...	15	19.
		A Mate of the Hospital		1.
		Women, belonging to the Regts.		21.
		N.B. Bedding for the Corps at Florida & Louisianne.		
Brig Hannah	John Thurston	Commanding Officer Lt. Colonel Robertson		
		Acting as Engineers: Capt. Muller of 60th, Lieut. Pittman of 15th.		
		Hospital .... Mr. Mallet, Surgeon ...		4.
		Intrenching Tools: Felling Axes .. 200. Pick do. ..... 300. Hatchets Helv'd .. 100. Spades Iron do. 300.		
		N.B. The Boxes with the Money.		
Sloop Curacoa ..	Henry White ..	34th. Regiment .. Lieut. McKay		1.
		A Mate of the Hospital		1.
		N.B. The Hospital Stores, & Medicine Chests.		
Sloop Tryal ..	Daniel Bates ..	Provisions; with Three Dep: Commissarys		3.
Sloop Peggy	John McCoy	Gone to Jamaica with the Detachment of the 43d. and is afterwds. to proceed to Pensacola -- 43d. Regimt.: Lt. Molesworth, Lt. McKenzie	2	
		Serjts. 2, Drums 2, R & F. 16	20	22

N.B. There are two Months Provisions for Two Hundred Men on Board the Venus: And the Quantitys on Board the other Vessells, as specified in a particular List sent herewith.

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Copy 1

St. John's in Newfoundland,
June 23d. 1763.–

Sir,

I Received Your Excellency's commands of the 4th. of May, together with the Abstract of My Lord Egre=mont's Letter, mentioning a complaint of Captain Graves against me; I am Extreamly Sorry to Find that an Error in Judgement should be Construed so much to my Prejudice; I Took all the Precautions I Could, to be Informed of the Conduct I Was to Hold in regard to Captain Graves; & Colonel Amherst will Inform Your Excellency, that I was very willing and Ready to Obey him, provided it had been Consistent with that Respect that is due to your Orders, as Commander in Chief; the only point in Dispute between Us, was to Know, Whether he Commanded directly the Officers, and Sol=diers of this Detachment; a Question that Colonel Amherst Desired me to Answer in the Negative; Because, if he Did, he might Weaken my Garrison, by Sending Partys to the Northward, as I Believe he had a great Mind to Do; But in regard to any thing Else, I O=beyed all the Directions he gave me, and went as far as I possibly Could to Promote His Majesty's Service, and the Relief of His Distressed Subjects, as Captain Graves will Hear, when he Comes into the Harbour, and

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as to Honors I Paid, him more than he Desired. In Regard to his Command as Governor, All the Army thought, that He was Like the Rest of the Governors in America, with whom We never have had any Disputes, being always Ready to Pay all Honors and Respect due to them, but No Obedience in regard to the Soldiery; If it is thought for the Good of His Majesty's Service that it Should be Otherwise, No One will be found more Ready than I am to Obey all Orders on that account; But before this, I Own, I Could not Conceive, that there could be any Intermediate Com=mand, between Your Excellency and His Majesty's Offi=cers in North America, and Surely Newfoundland is in North America.. Colonel Amherst will Undoubtedly Tell You, Sir, that this was his Opinion.. I Must further Beg Leave to Add, that the first thing Governor Graves Demanded, was Returns of the Stores, which I Wrote him Word should be Complyed with; And I Ordered the Storekeeper to Use all possible Dispatch; But he Represented to me the Im=possibility of it, Owing to the Merchants Goods, being still Mixed with the Stores; A Very few days after, I gave Ensign Wallace Leave to go to Lisbon, for the Recovery of his Health, a thing I would not take upon me to Do, had not that Gentleman Assured me, on his Word & Honor, that Your Excellency had been pleased to Say that He might Leave Quarters, if his Health Required it; He then Waited on Governor Graves to Request a Passage to

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Lisbon, Who told him, that No Person but him, had a Right to give him Leave; Therefore, as he had not Applyed to him, he Could not go; He then Demanded the Returns; Also Returns of the Officers & Soldiers in the Fort. As to the First I pleaded Impossibility; and as to the Latter, I Beg'd Leave to Decline it, thinking he Did not Command in the Fort: I must think he has not Lay'd my Letters before My Lord Egremont, as he Said, he would; I am Persuaded His Lordship would have found them all full of Respect, & Even Compliments: He is Daily Expected from Placentia, and I shall Obey him as a Military Governor unless he gives me Orders Entirely Opposite to Yours.

I am, with the Utmost Respect,

Sir,

Your Excellencys | &ca.

Stephen Gualy.

His Excellency
Sir Jeffery Amherst.

Endorsed Copy | Letter from Captain | Gualy Commanding Officer at | St. Johns Newfoundland, to | Sir Jeffery Amherst | Dated St. John's 23d. June 1763 | Being in Answer to the General's | Letter to him of the 4th. May, Directing | him, in Obedience to the King's Commands, | Signifyed by the Earl of Egremont, to | Transmit an Account of what had | Passed between Govr. Graves & him | Relative to the Command at St. Johns, | the Former having Complained that | Capt. Gualy had Refused to Obey him | as Governor, &ca. | In Sir Jeff: Amherst's of ye. | 3d. Septr. 1763. | No. 41.

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My Lord

I have the honour to acquaint yr. Lordship of my Arrival here in thirty six days from Sandy Hook and by order of his Excellency Sr. Jeffery Amherst transmit to yr. Lordship his Dispatches which I recd. at New York 3d. Sept. at night. his Excellency has given me his leave to come to England for the recovery of my Health. by his Excellency's orders I am to wait at Portsmouth to receive instructions for the disposal of the troops on Board. I have the honour to be with the greatest Respect My Lord Yr. Lordship's

Most Obedient humble Servt.

Saml. Zobel Major 77th. Regt.

Marlborough Transport
of Benbridge Point
Isle of Wight Octobr. 12th. 1763

Endorsed. Isle of Wight, 12th. Octr. 1763/ Major Zobel/ Rx 14th. - with Sr. J. Amherst's/ Dispach of the 3d. Sept.

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New York 17th September 1763.

My Lord,

By the arrival of the Halifax Packet here on the 7th instant, I was honoured with your Lordship's Letter of the 9th July, with a duplicate of the 18th June, the Original of which I answered on the 13th August by the Harriott Packet.

It gives me great Satisfaction that His Majesty has been graciously pleased to approve, of what I wrote to the Southern Governours, in regard to the Forts: I have immediately wrote to Sir William Johnson, on the receipt of your Lordship's Letter, to acquaint him, of what you have been pleased to mention regarding the six Nations and I can assure your Lordship that all due attention has been given to them, on every occasion, so that they have all reason to be satisfyed, and I do not find that any discontent prevails amongst them, Senecas excepted who have joyned the upper Nations.

I am to own the receipt of a Copy of your Lordships Letter of the 9th July to all the Governours in North America, and I am confident, the Measures that are taken, will prove the best and most effectual for putting a Stop, to that Clandestine and pernicious Trade, which has been too much followed here.

As it is not very improbable but this Packet may arrive before the Marlborough Transport, I trans=

=mit to Your Lordship, a duplicate of my Letter of the 3^d. September by that Vessel, and of the Schedule of Enclosures: since the date of that Letter, nothing material has happened relative to the Indians, the Communication to Fort Pitt has been uninterrupted, and Part of the Troops have a second time come from thence to Forts Bedford and Ligonier to carry up further Supplies, and I hope, the offensive operations to be pursued in that Quarter, will soon take place, and reduce the Savages to a due Subjection.

We have been a little unfortunate in losing one of the Vessels on Lake Erie, which was cast away between Niagara and Presqu' Isle, on the 28th August in going to the Detroit with some Artillery, Stores, and Provisions, luckily no Lives were lost, some Artillery, Stores and Provisions were thrown over board, and I fear the Sloop cannot be recovered: this will retard a little the Supplies for the Detroit, and the Operations I have ordered to be carryed on there, but I have taken all precautions I can, in being provided, for every incident that can happen.

The 35th Regiment that left M^r. Keppell at Sea, to proceed to S^t. Augustine and Pensecola, put into Charles Town, South Carolina, on the 12th August, to get Water and Provisions and the Comanding Officer acquaints me, he intended to take small Vessels to

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proceed to Pensacola, and send the Transport home to England: this delay may rather prove lucky, as Lt. Colo=
=nel Robertson will be in time, to draft the third Batta=
=lion of the Royall American Regiment at Pensacola to compleat the other Corps.

I have the honour to be with the utmost Re=
=spect My Lord

Your Lordship's
most Humble
and most Obedient Servant
Jeff: Amherst.

Right Honorable
The Earl of Egremont.

Endorsed. New York Sepr. 17th. 1763| Sir Jeffery Amherst| by Capt. Basset| Rx 31 Octr.

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Schedule of Papers Referred to, in M. General Sir Jeffery Amherst's Letter to The Right Hon.ble The Earl of Egremont. Bearing Date New York, 14th September 1763. –

No. 1. Copy of Postscript to the Duplicate of Major Gladwins Letter to Sir Jeffery Amherst of the 8th August 1763. –

No. 2 Copy of Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst to Sir Wm. Johnson; Acquaints Sir William of the Orders he had Received from the Earl of Egremont, concerning the Treatment of the Northern Indians; And Mentions the Disposition he Intended to make of the Troops on Lake Erie, &ca., during the Winter ..... 9th Sept. 1763.

No. 3 Do. ... Letter from Sir Wm. Johnson to Sir Jeffery Amherst; Enclosing a Copy of the Messages Sent by the Canada Indians to the Western Tribes, Desiring them to Lay down the Hatchet, &ca. and Containing other Matters Relative to the present Disturbances .... 25th Augst.

No. 4 Do. ... The Above mentioned Messages – (Enclosed in the foregoing)

No. 5 Do. ... Letter from Do. ... to Do. ... That he was in daily Expectation of the Arrival of the Six Nations, who were to Hold a

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Conference at his House, And Hints to the General that he Believed their great Complaint would be, at our Keeping up so many Posts on the Communication to Oswego &ca. .... 31st. Augst.

No. 6 Do. ... Sir Jeffery's Answer to the two Foregoing Letters; Leaves it Entirely to Sir William as the Best Judge how to Treat with the Indians at the Intended Meeting; but that the present Insurrection had Determined him not to give up any One of the Posts that might be Judged Necessary to be kept; Nor did he See any Reason the Indians had to make such a Demand, &ca. .... 15th. Septemr.

No. 7 Copy of Memorial to Sir Jeffery Amherst from the Merchants in Pensylvania, Concerned in the Late Trade, with the Western Indians; Setting forth the great Losses they have Sustained by the Insurrection of the Savages, and Praying for Redress, &ca.

No. 8 Copy of Intended Disposition of the Troops on Lake Erie, &ca.

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Postcript to the Duplicate of Major Gladwin's Letter to Sir Jeffery Amherst, of the 8th August 1763.

"At the time Pontiac came with a Pipe of Peace, I Did not know of any Hostilities: Our Good Subjects the French took Care not to Tell me of Robertson's Death, 'till they found they could not Murder me in Council".

Endorsed. Copy/. Postcript to the | Duplicate of Major Gladwin's | Letter to Sir Jeffery Amherst | of the 8th August 1763 | In Sir Jeffery Amherst's, of the | 17th Sepr. 1763 | No. 1.

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Copy/

New York, 9th Septem.r 1763.

Sir,

By the Packet Boat which Arrived here the Day before Yesterday, I am Honored with a Letter from the Earl of Egremont, in which is the following Paragraph, which I Think proper to Transcribe, as the Contents Relate to your Department. His Lordship's Words are these:-

"I am Likewise to Acquaint You, that it has been "Suggested here, that some of the Indians of the Six "Nations have lately shewn Marks of Discontent, & have "been Suspicious of Neglect: Should You find such Sug- "-gestions to be Founded in Truth, and Should You "Imagine, that any such Disaffected Disposition of the "Northern Indians shall Require a particular Atten- "-tion, the King, Trusting to your known Oeconomy & "Discretion, Leaves it Entirely to You, to Support Sir "William Johnson in any Expence that You may Judge "Expedient for His Majesty's Service, upon this Occasion, "not Exceeding however, the Sum of One Thousand Pounds: "But it is Needless to Caution You not to Incur any "Expence of this Nature, without You shall Judge it "absolutely Necessary to Conciliate the Indian Tribes, "and more particularly the Six Nations, to His Maj- "-esty's Government, who may possibly, from the Vast "Cessions made, by the Peace, to Great Britain, be Dis-

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"=posed to give some Degree of Credit to those Malicious "Notions, of our Designs to Extirpate them, which the French "have always Endeavored to Instill into them".–

The Steps taken by you, at the Late Conferences, of which I have Transmitted particular Accounts to the Secretary of State, will have Shewn His Majesty, that a due Attention has been had to the Affairs of the Indians, particularly the Six Nations: The Expences Incurred at those Conferences, I Trust, have been as Sparing as the Circumstances would Admit of; And I need not add any thing on the Subject of Oeconomy after what the Earl of Egremont, mentions in the foregoing Extract.

You will have heard of the Unfortunate Fate of Poor Dalyell: The Affair in other Respects is but Triffling, for the Indians must have Lost some Men, which they will Feel as much as We can, for the Few that were Killed of Ours: I most Sensibly Lament the Death of Captain Dalyell; for he was a Brave Officer, and a Worthy man.– When the Reinforcements got to the Détroit, I Doubt not but Major Gladwin will have been able to Act Offensively against the Savages; and that Every thing there will soon be put on a proper Footing.–

That Major Gladwin may Prepare in time, for the Arrangement of the Troops during the Winter, I now Dispatch Major of Brigade Moncrieffe, with Orders

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to Major Gladwin for that Purpose, that he may put them in Execution, when he shall See Occasion, and as Circumstances may Require: It is my Intention, that the Whole of the 42.d Regiment should be Stationed at the Détroit, & the Dependent Posts:- Should it happen that the 42.d cannot Reach the Détroit this Fall, in that Event I Have Directed Major Gladwin to Keep up the 80.th Regiment, which otherwise is to be Disbanded, & the men Drafted into the 46.th Regiment, which Garrisons Niagara, & Presqu' Isle.—

As the present Insurrection Seems to be very General; And that I Suspect the Indians will Try Every Method that Treachery & Baseness can Suggest, to Destroy those whom they Fear; I Would Advise You to make Use of the Power I Gave you, in a Late Letter, to Demand a Party from Fort Stanwix, as a Guard to your House; and I Have only to Desire, that, if You should think proper to Demand them, the Men may be constantly Kept on Duty, & not permitted, on any account whatever, to Straggle about the Place.—

I am, with great Regard,

Sir,

&ca.

Jeff: Amherst.

Sir William Johnson Bar.t

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Copy.

Johnson Hall, Augst 25th 1763.

Sir.

Yesterday I was Honored with your Excellency's Letter of the 14th Instant together with Captain Baugh's Information concerning the Hostilities committed on the Frontiers of Virginia.– Ever since the Reduction of Canada the Six Nations as well as the Western Indians have particularly Busied themselves in carrying on the War against the Cherokees &ca., and for that purpose have Constantly sent Parties and some of them very Considerable, thro' the back parts of Each Province; And altho' these Acts said to be Committed by some Six Nation Indians were Unknown to me, untill the Receipt of your Excellency's Letter, yet, it is very possible that the Senecas have done it, or a party of some other Nations Destined against the Southern Indians, may have have been by the power & Influence of that Nation, Induced to Commit some Acts of Violence, & turn their Arms Against the English, & that the Six Indians who Overtook the rest at Dunlap's Creek, were sent to them perhaps for that purpose from Chenussio; As this is all but Uncertain, I shall make a Strict Enquiry into the Affair for the full Discovery thereof–

In Consequence of my Instructions to Captain

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Claus at the first Account received of Hostilities being Com=
=menced by the Indians. He has held a Congress with all
the Nations in Canada at Cohnawagey on the 27th Ult:
who Unanimously agreed to Send Messengers to the Ene=
=my Indians, to desire them to Lay down the Hatchet,
with which, if they did not Comply the Canada In=
=dians would Declare against them, a Copy of their Mes=
=sage I Herewith transmit your Excellency.—

The Behaviour of the Ottawas near Michillimaki=
=nac in taking the English from the rest, & Restoring them
with Some of their Effects, and that of the Sakis & others
about Lake Michigan with which I Have been Lately In=
=formed is very Commendable, and Deserves Notice, Indeed
without reward Indians always did, & always will Con=
=sider themselves as Neglected, as these Sakis & others
to the Westward have a great Dislike to the Chippawaes,
they might I Imagine be Induced to Act Offensively a=
=gainst the rest, which would be of great Service to
the Regular Troops in so Moden & Distant a Country.—

I Heartily wish Major Gladwin Success in his
Enterprises, & hope the Reinforcements sent to him by
your Excellency may Enable him to Strike a Blow,
which may Strike Terror amongst the Savages. The
Indians of Ohio, the Senecas, Delawares, & Shawanese
as they are by all the best Acct.s the principal Au=
=thors of the Hostilities, Deserve the most Immediate

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punishment, & most of them Lye more Convenient for an Expedition at this advanced Season, than the rest of our Enemies, Besides that, the Security of these Frontiers will Depend on their Immediate punishment, as the People most Capable of Distressing our Settlements.—

A Relapse of my former Disorder, under which I now Labor, prevents me from being Able to meet the Indians at the German Flatts as mentioned in my Last. I Have therefore Sent to Call them to this place, and I Expect their Arrival about the 29th.— As the present Number of Men at Fort Stanwix are but few and I should be very unwilling to Distress the Garrison, I shall not therefore make any Application to Lt. Colonel Campbell, unless in Case of Apparent Danger, but wait untill Your Excellency pleases to Send me a Serjeant & 12 Men, which with my Servants &ca. may I believe be Sufficient.—

I shall take particular Care, as I always have Done in my Distribution of the Barrel of powder, which will go but a very Little way amongst the Various wants I think it but prudent at present to Supply, & I am certain that what little they have had in that manner was never made a bad use of, As I well know that the Indians are Remarkably the very worst Managers of powder on Every Occasion, & Whilst they have any Ammunition are Continually

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Discharging their pieces at Every little Object, be their Necessity ever so great.– Every Hunter Consumes about 8 pounds of Powder & 20lb of Lead at his two Hunting Seasons in the Year, & Without that Quantity, a good Hunter seldom Chooses to go out. Therefore unless the Traders (Whenever Trade with them, may again be carried on) have Sufficient to Enable the Indians to Hunt as formerly, there can be no Trade with them. And to prevent many Abuses, as well as Render the Indians more Dependant on Us than at present, I Apprehend if the Trade was Confined to Oswego, Niagara, Pittsburgh, & Detroit, provided the Traders could Transport their goods in Vessells to the Latter, these places would be Sufficiently convenient for the Indians & more Safe for the Traders & their Effects, the Christinaux in the Neighborhood of Hudsons Bay & the Sioux who are the most Distant with whom We have any Trade, Often came to Oswego where we had only that Out Post, & as they think but little of a Long Journey they are too Apt to make small Allowance for the Expence the Traders are at in Transporting their Goods to Michillimakinac, La Baye &ca Which no Doubt makes them find Fault with the prices there however Reasonable but also the sight of Goods in a Traders Boat passing over the Distant Lakes, & Rivers is a temptation which many of the Nations

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Cannot Resist, & may Induce some of them often hereafter, however Successfull We may be against them, to Commit Depredations for the Sake of the plunder, which may Engage Us in fresh troubles, as these People cannot be Subdued in many Years.—

Your Excellency may be Assured that whenever my Health permits, and that it's Judged Expedient I should Visit the upper Country, or any Quarter within my Department, I shall with pleasure Execute Your Commands for the good of His Majesty's Service.—

I Have the Honor to be with the greatest Respect,

Sir

Your Excellency's &ca.

Wm. Johnson.

His Excellency
Sir Jeffery Amherst.

Endorsed. Copy/ Letter from Sir William/ Johnson to Sir Jeffery Amherst/ Dated Johnson Hall, 25th Augst. 1763/ Enclosing a Copy of the Messages/ Sent by the Canada Indians to the/ Western Tribes, desiring them to Lay/down the Hatchet &ca. and Containing/ Other Matters Relative to the present/ Disturbances./ In Sir Jeffery Amherst's of the/ 17th Sept. 1763/ No. 3.

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The Following Messages, consisting in Four Belts of Wampum, were sent by the 8 Indian Nations in Canada, Viz.t the Caghnawageys, Caneghsadarundax, Skaghuanes, Swegachies, St. Francis, 3 River Indians, and Hurons near Quebec, among the Western Nations, two Different ways, by two Birch Canoes, one thro' Lake Ontario to Detroite, the other by the Ottawawa, or Grand River, to Missilimakinack.

Brethren of Towaganha, or Western Indians,

"We, by this Belt of Wampum, Acquaint "you that, there is an universal Peace concluded "among all the Christian Powers in Europe, & con"sequently among the White People in America, by "which Peace, the King of France Ceded to the King "of England all his Claim, and Right, of all his "Dominions, on this Continent, as far as the River "Mississippi:- Wherefore you are to Consider the King "of England as the only Sovereign over the Said Territories, who, We hear, intends to put the Trade "with you, and Us, upon a very good Footing.

Brethren: "You cannot have forgot the Agreement, "jointly made between Us, and our Brethren the "English when this Country was taken, of main"taining a firm Peace, and Friendship, with one

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"another. We hereby acquaint you, that We are resolved
"Strictly to abide by our Agreement, and expect you'll
"do the same. A large white Belt, with black Spots in Captn Claus's Behalf.

Brethren Towaganha

"We are vastly Surprised to hear such bad Ac-
-counts from You, and that you have forgot the Engage-
-ment, and foolishly and rashly taken up the Hatchet
"against your Brethren. You know that you requested Us
"to take you into our Confederacy and We have Complied:
"but you have behav'd as unworthy Members, and Slipt
"your Hold of the Covenant Chain. We by this Belt
"intreat and desire you to recollect your Selves what
"you are about, in disturbing the Peace of the Con-
-federacy, & immediately lay down the Hatchet.

A large white Belt in behalf of the 8 Nations.

Brethren Towaganha,

"We desire you to let Us know, as soon as possi-
-ble, whether you will Comply with our Desire of lay-
-ing down the Hatchet, or not, that We may direct
"our Selves accordingly, and let you know farther
"what We think of your inconsiderate Behaviours.

A Belt from the 8 Nations

Brethren Towaganha,

"We would have you always to look upon Us
"as keeping a Strong hold of the Chain of Friend-

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":ship with our Brethren the English; and are resolved
"to abide by our Engagements of Peace for ever, and Re=
"=gard the King of England as our Common Father,
"who is willing to Live in Peace, and Friendship, with
"all his Children the Indians, & Intends to Estab=
"=lish a fair, and reasonable Trade with all Indian
"Nations in His American Dominions. _ He does not
"mean to Claim your Lands as His Property; and
"desires no more Priveledges than the King of France
"had, which is to carry on the Trade among you, for
"your own good and Welfare; but if you Behave, as
"you have now done, He certainly will Deprive you of
"it, and has it in His Power as you can't be Sup=
"=plied by any other Nation, He having the En=
"=trance of the two Rivers that lead from the Sea,
"to your Country, and can prevent any other Na=
"=tion of white People to Trade with you: Your present
"Behaviour therefore is enough to be our mutual Des=
"=truction. A Belt which Capt.n Claus gave.

The Deputies after delivering the above Messages, are to Acquaint Them that Peace was pro=-claimed in Canada; and the French in this Country, were now Become English Subjects, and of consequence They, the Western Nations, must consider them, and Us, as one People, who enjoy'd the same Privileges in Trade, and any thing else; and were

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obliged to Submit to the same Laws and Government. That if the English were prevented from Trafficking with Them, the French were likewise, &ca.

Endorsed. Copy/ Messages from the Canada/ Indians to the Western Tribes,/ Desiring them to Lay down the/ Hatchet, &ca./ Enclosed in Sir Wm Johnson's Letter/ to Sir Jeffery Amherst, of 25th Augst 1763/ In Sir Jeffery Amherst's of the/ 17th Septr 1763/ No. 4.

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Copy 1.

Johnson Hall, August 31st 1763.

Sir,

Yesterday I was Favored with your Excellency's Letter of the 20th Instant, with the therewith Enclosed paragraph from that of Lieut. Governor Fauquiers. — It does not by any thing I have yet Seen or heard appear to me that the Six Nations were Certainly the People who have Committed Hostilities on the Frontiers of Virginia, as both the Northern & Western Indians are in general avowed Enemies to the Cherokees, &ca, & Sent Considerable partys against them in the Spring & Since, some of Whom might have been Stirred up by Messages from the rest — There might have been some Six Nation Indians amongst them, or they might have been all Composed of the Chenussios, but I shall be Shortly Enabled to Inform Your Excellency farther on that head, when the Indians Arrive. —

As to the Fellow, who is so much Busied with the Indians, I can Expect Little done against him in the Civil way as he has been, and is Supported and Encouraged by a Powerfull Sett of People at New York, who from the most Fraudulent Title, Claim all the Conajohare Indians possessions, & their very Dwelling place, for which purpose he is

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Employed to Seduce them to Sign Deeds, Acknowledging the justice of the Claim the Consequence of which pro=cedure I Evidently See, & wish prevented.

Soon After the Receipt of your Excellency's favor I received a Letter from Detroit with an Account of an Action between His Majesty's Troops & the Enemy Indians, in which Captain Dalyell with Several Men were killed, & some Officers &ca. Wounded, with the particulars of which Your Excellency will I presume, be Acquainted before this reaches You. – I am heartily Sorry for the Loss of Captain Dalyell, whom I Looked upon as a good Officer & am Equally concerned that the Engagement was not Attended with Success, which was probably owing to the Smaliness of our Force, & the Advan=tagious Situation of the Enemy, who partly from the French Houses, Corn Fields, & other Concealments, had many Advantages of a Body of Men Marching along that open Beach (which I am well Acquainted with) without Flanking Parties on their Left.

I am Hopefull that the Losses which 'tis Said Colonel Bouquet has Sustained are not so Consider=able as reported, & I heartily wish he may be Arrived at Fort Pitt. – The Indians are not yet Arrived, but I hear are on their way to the Number of 200, and Amongst them Six Senecas of the nearest Castles; as the coming of any of that Nation is Unexpected,

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I am at a Loss, how to Act with regard to them, being coming under the protection of the Rest, & in Consequence of the Meeting held with them Lately in their Country, when I shall be made acquainted with the Cause of their coming, I shall know better how to treat them; And so soon as the Congress is over, I shall Make your Excellency acquainted with the transactions there=at: I am Informed that part of what the Indians are to say will be Concerning the small Posts on the Communications to Ontario &ca., for the Demolition of which they have often applied, & to our breach of promise when these Posts were erected, they Attribute in a great measure the Defection of the Senecas &ca: On this Occasion I should be glad to have a Speech from your Excellency to Deliver them.—

As I mentioned in my last, whenever Matters are brought to a proper State for my Visiting the In=dians I shall Chearfully receive Your Excellency's Commands, happy if my Negotiations shall prove Agreable to your Excellency & Advantagious to His Majesty's Subjects.—

I Have the Honor to be, with the greatest respect & Esteem,

Sir, | Your Excellency's | &ca. |

His Excellency } Wm. Johnson
Sir Jeffery Amherst. }

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Copy.

New York, 10th September 1763.

Sir,

I am to own the Favor of your Letters of the 25th & 31st August which are just now come to my Hands.

You will See by my Last that I thought it necessary you should have a Guard to your House; And I now Order Lt. Colonel Campbell to Send you a Serjeant & Twelve Men from Fort Stanwix, on your Application: Colonel Bradstreet will furnish you with a Sufficiency of Provisions for them.

The Punishment of the Indians who have committed Hostilities & that Live most Contiguous to us, ought Certainly to be the first thing thought of: I Have Wrote to Colonel Stephen who Com=-mands a Body of Virginia Volunteers, & is now on the Frontiers of Pensylvania to make an Attempt on the Shawnese Settlements on the Bank of the Ohio, which I Imagine might be Effected with Suc=-cess, with the Help of the Boats from Fort Pitt, & what Men Colonel Bouquet can Spare; for which I Have Sent him Directions; that he may Cooper=-ate with Colonel Stephen in the Execution of this Blow, which, if it is attended with Success, would be a very great means of Securing Quiet to the Back Settlements of Virginia, & the Neighbouring

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Colonies hereafter.

The Message sent by the Canada Indians is a very proper one; if they are Sincere, & really Intend to Send it to the Western Tribes, who are now Committing Depredations, without any other Secret message; for I own my Faith in what an Indian says is Easily Staggered.

The Fixing the Trade hereafter at the Principal Posts only, will no Doubt be thought Advisable: There has not been any Carried on, with permission, but at such places as you, when you was at the Détroit, Fixed upon: The Distant Indians, of Course, would have Complained, had they not been permitted to Trade at Michillimakinac & it was Considered for their own Advantage, that the Traders went there.

You are certainly the best Judge how to Treat any of the Senecas, that may come to the Intended Conference: For my own part, I should think they ought not to be permitted to Come within your Doors; but that they should be totally Despised as Ungratefull Villains, who Deserve the Severest punishment, & have no Title whatever to be Received as Friends.

Before the present Insurrection I Had some thoughts of Demolishing the small Posts But now

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I am Determined not to give up a Single Post, that I think may be of the least Service for keeping up the Communication, & for the Security of the Country: I see no Right the Indians have to make such a Demand, as those Posts have never been put to a Bad Use against them: but on the Contrary, are for their Security as well as Ours: Such as have been Distroyed in the upper Country shall be Re Established, I hope, never to be Subject to the same Fate again, tho' if this Insurrection had not happened, I should have given some of them up.

I am Sorry your former Disorder has Relapsed; and shall be Extreamly glad to Hear of your perfect Recovery.

I am, with great Regard,

Sir, &ca.

Jeff: Amherst.

Sir William Johnson Bart.

Endorsed. Copy of Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst to Sir Wm. Johnson Dated New York, 10th. Sept.r 1763 In Answer Sir Wm's of the 25th & 31st August Leaves it Entirely to Sir Wm. as the Best Judge, how to Treat with the Indians at the Intended Meeting: But that the Present Insurrection had Determined him not to give up any One of the Posts that might be Judged Necessary to be Kept: Nor did he see any Reason the Indians had to make such a Demand, &ca. In Sir Jeffery Amherst's of the 14th. Sept.r 1763 No. 6.

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Copy.

To His Excellency Sir Jeffery Amherst, Knight of the Bath, and Captain General, and Commander in Chief of all His Majesty's Forces in North America.

The Memorial of the Merchants of the Province of Pennsylvania, Concern'd in the late Trade with the Western Indians.

Most Respectfully Sheweth,

That in Consequence of repeated Solicitations from the Natives, and encouraged, and Supported by the several Generals, and Officers, who from time, to time, have had the Immediate Command of His Majesty's Forces in the Southern Department of North America, your Memorialists have Credited a large Number of Indian Traders with Goods, and Merchandize to a very great Amount, for the supplying the Natives with the Conveniences, and Necessaries of Life.

That those Goods, have been by the several Traders transported into the Indian Country, and Sold to them. By means whereof the Natives were in a good degree conciliated to the English Interest, and the late Peace and Friendship Established with them.

That Contrary to all Faith and in manifest Violation of the several late Treaties of Friend-

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=ship, and their several Engagements, to protect, and afford safe Conduct to the Several Traders, who should supply them with Merchandize, The Natives have most Barbarously Murdered many of the said Traders, and Seized and Robbed them of their Effects, and driven the Remainder from their Country, whereby the Said Traders are become Insolvent and your Memorialists thereby Sufferers, too Considerably to be sustained and Supported by them, if by any means the same could be avoided.—

Wherefore your Memorialists beg Leave to Intreat your Excellency, To take their unhap=py Case into your Consideration, and if it may be consistent with your Excellency's Poli=cy, Wisdom, & Justice, To require (when even the Terms, or Overtures of Accommodation may be thought of) of the said Natives to make your Memorialists, full Compensation, for the Loss they have sustained in this behalf, and that you will demand the same of such of the French, whom you may have reason to be=lieve, have been the Instigators of the Sava=ges to such unheard of Cruelties, and Depre=dations, or that you will be pleased to repre=sent Our Case to His Most Gracious Majesty, or take such other measures for our Relief as

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to you in Your Wisdom shall seem most meet & convenient.

(Sign'd)

David Franks for
Self & Company
Baynton & Wharton
Abr^a. Mitchel
Jere^ah. Warder
Buchanan & Hughs
Daniel Clark
Robt. Callender
W^m. West.

Endorsed. Copy/ Memorial/ To Sir Jeffery Amherst,/ from the Merchants in / Pensylvania, Concerned in the/ Late Trade, with the Western/ Indians: Setting forth the great/ Losses they have Sustained by/ the Insurrection of the Savages,/ & Praying for Redress &ca./ Septem^r. 1763/ In Sir Jeffery Amherst's, of the/ 17th. Septr. 1763/ N°. 7.

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Intended Disposition of the Troops on Lake Erie, viz; for which the Orders are Sent....

Royal Highland Regiment, at the Détroit, & Dependent Posts. A Company, or more or less, from the 46th Regt at Niagara, to Garrison Presqu' Isle, when that Post is Re Established. -

On the Arrival of the Royal Highland Regiment at the Détroit, Major Gladwin is to Send down the Detachments of the 17th. 55th. 46th. & 60th. to Joyn their Respective Corps, if the Situation of Affairs will Permit, Disbanding Hopkins's Independent Company, & Drafting the Men into the 42d. or 46th. should the Former be Compleat; And He himself to Come to Niagara with the 80th. Regiment, which is to be Disbanded there, & the Men Drafted into the 46th. to Compleat that Corps; And the Supernumerarys Sent to Oswego, to be Incorporated into the 17th. which wants many Men to Compleat.

N. B. Should it happen that the Royal Highland Regiment, which is to Advance from Fort Pitt, by the Way of Presqu' Isle, Cannot Reach the Détroit this Fall; In that Event, Major Gladwin is Authorized to Keep the 80th. Regiment, for Garrisoning the Détroit & Dependent Posts, Sending the Other Detachments down the Country, when the Service will permit, as Abovementioned. -

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List of the Transports at New York, 17th September 1763; With the Alterations that have happened since the Last List was Transmitted, the 13th August.—

Remain at New York, 17th Sepr.

		Tons	
Fraternity	Fras. Fox, Master	240	Repairing.
Felicity	Dennis Mc Crachan	300	
Ward	John Holby	340	

Sailed from New York.

		Tons	
Venus	Wm Duffield	317	Gone to Florida & Louisianne, with Lt. Colonel Robertson &ca.
Brig Hannah	John Thurston	—	
Sloop Curacoa	Henry White	—	
Sloop Tryal	Daniel Bates	—	
Sloop Peggy	John Mc Coy	—	
King George	Peter Thompson	309	With Provisions to Pensacola, & from thence to the Mobile if possible, & after Delivering her Cargo to proceed to England to be Discharged.
Prince George	Andw. Harper	212	to Halifax, to take part of the Royal & 77th to England.
Amity's Benediction	John Herbert	344	to Ditto; for the Same Service, & to Enable Col. Forster to send some Drafts to Louisbourg for ye 45th Regt.
Marlborough	Thos. Wills	625	to England, with Reduced Officers &ca.

N. B. The Monckton, which Sailed Some time ago for Newfoundland, Louisbourg, & Halifax, is not yet Returned.

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New York 13th October 1763.

My Lord,

On the 10th instant a Packet arrived here, and I am honoured with your Lordship's Letter of 13th August, signifying to me His Majesty's Gracious Permission, for me to return home, and to leave the Command of the Troops in the hands of Major General Gage, for which I shall immediately make all necessary preparations, but shall not avail my=self of the leave until the Service here permits, and that I have settled every thing with Major Gen=eral Gage, agreeably to the King's Intentions.

I cannot sufficiently express my Acknow=ledgments to your Lordship for the very pleasing manner in which you have signifyed to me the King's Commands, and it shall be my Endeavour, in the execution of them, to deserve the Opinion Your Lordships Indulgence has so favourably conceived of me.

As it is necessary for General Gage to come here, I have ordered Governour Burton to take the Command in the Government of Montreal, and Colonel Haldimand in that of Trois Rivieres, where he before presided, in the Absence of Govern=our Burton.

I have carefully perused the Report from

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the Board of Trade, to which I shall give all due at=
=tention: the Disposition of the Forces that I had the
honour to transmit to Your Lordship on the 13th Au=
=gust, I hope, will fully answer for the information
which is desired.

I had the Satisfaction to see by Your Lord=
=ship's Letter of 14th July to the Lords of Trade, the
Kings Intentions with regard to the Extent of the
new Governments and that the upper Lakes are not
excluded, as I am firmly of opinion that any ap=
=pearance of a derogation of Power would have a
bad tendency, as the Indians would then expect
we were yet to give up more, and it would be ap=
=proaching their Mischief to a more inhabited Part
of the Country instead of keeping them at a dis=
=tance.

I have already mentioned to Your Lordship
the Advantages that I thought my (might) accrue by mak=
=ing some separate Governments in that vast Ex=
=tent of Country, and I should imagine the Missi=
=sippi deserves a particular attention, this appears
to me, in my humble Opinion, so much for the
Welfare of this Country, that I hope it will plead
my Excuse, for taking the liberty to repeat it.

I am to acknowledge the Receipt of an Extract
of your Lordship's Letter of 13th August with a Copy

of a separate one of the same date to Governour Murray, and a Copy of a Letter and Memorial from the Doyen de Chapitre de Quebec, in consequence of which I have wrote to Governour Murray, who I am certain will be very watchfull over the conduct of the Priests, which is so essential to the future good Government of Canada.

It would give me great pleasure to acquaint Your Lordship that a total Stop was put to the Indian Ravages, but since I did myself the honour of writing to you on the 17th September, when I informed your Lordship of the loss of one of the Vessels on Lake Erie, I have received accounts, that the Savages attacked the Party which was landed from the Vessel on the Shore, who lost three men, but beat the Indians off. this happened on the 3d September, and on the 14th a very large Body of them, supposed to be five hundred or more attacked a Convoy of a Serjeant and twenty eight men of Willmots Regiment, returning with some Waggons, from the Fort at the lower landing at Niagara, and the Fire being heard by Lieutenants Cam_bell and Frazer, who were encamped with two Companys of that Regiment, they marched instantly to support the Convoy, were surrounded by the whole Body of Indians, and both the Officers with

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six Serjeants and seventy two men were killed, with Lieutenant Roses of the Royal Artillery, Captain John=son of the New Jersey, and Lieut. Deyton of the New York Provincials, who were returning with the Con=voy, and about twenty men only got back into Ni=agara; the loss The Indians may have sustained in these two Affairs is not known.

The Oxen and Waggons were destroyed on this occasion which renders the Supplies to the Detroit difficult, but every precaution has been taken to replace them: the Zeal of the Officers was commendable, but as they could not know the num=ber of the Enemy, I conclude they pressed to get to the Support of the Convoy as fast as possible, and probably were more huddled together, and less on their Guard, than they would have been on any other occasion: I sincerely lament their fate. as soon as the Affair was known at Niagara, Major Wilkins marched out with a large reinforce=ment, but the mischief was done, and the Enemy gone.

The Senecas, I believe, have been the Principals in this, and have led some of the Western Indians to make this attack on the Communication.

Another Affair has happened on Lake Erie in which the Crew of the Schooner behaved re=markably well, they having been attacked by

three hundred and fifty Savages in Canots, as the Vessel lay at Anchor in the River nine miles below the Detroit, they beat the Indians off, killed seven, wounded twenty, of which from certain intelligence Eight dyed, and the Schooner with the loss of the Master and one Man, got in safe with her provisions to the Detroit.

The last Accounts from Niagara are of 25th September, the 46th Regiment had arrived there some days before, and Major Wilkins was preparing to set off with a strong detachment for the Detroit: the Supernumerarys from Montreal left Oswego the same day to proceed to Niagara, so that now the whole Reinforcements are got up, I hope soon to have some good news from that Quarter, I could only wish they had a little more time to act in, before the Winter sets in.

I have an account from Lt. Colonel Robertson that he landed at St. Augustine on the 10th September, and I do myself the honour of enclosing to Your Lordship an extract of his Letter to me, and a Plan of the Fort at that Place where I shall immediately send a Proportion of Artillery and Stores.

Sir William Johnson has lately had a meeting with the five Nations, at which some of

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the Canada Indians were present: they have made all the professions of Friendship that can be expected, and I hope are sensible enough to their own Interest not to break their Words. I have received answers from Governor Dobbs to whom I acquainted your Lordship I had wrote concerning Captain Dalrymple Governour of Fort Johnstone, but as His Majestys Secretary at War has transmitted to me some papers regarding that Affair, I imagine, Your Lordship will approve my sending Governour Dobbs's answer to Mr. Ellis.

The Packet that arrived here the 10th. being the only one here, returns again to England. I have the honour to be with the utmost Respect

My Lord

Your Lordship's

most Humble

and most Obedient Servant

Jeff: Amherst.

Right Honourable
The Earl of Egremont.

Endorsed. New York. 13th. Octr. 1763 | Sir Jeffery Amherst | R. 9th. Novr.

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Schedule of Papers Referred to, in M. General Sir Jeffery Amherst's Letter to The Right Honble The Earl of Egremont, Bearing Date, at New York, 13th October 1763.

No. 1 Copy of Letter from Sir Wm Johnson to Sir Jeffery Amherst: Enclosing Extracts from the Minutes of the Proceedings at a Conference with the Six Nations, & Caghnawaga Indians, held at Sir William's House; and Containing Several Matters, regarding his Department, &ca. ---- 1763. 14th & 16th Sepr.

No. 2 Do. .... Extracts from the Minutes of the Proceedings between Sir Wm Johnson & the Indians, at a Conference held at Sir William's House. (Enclosed in the foregoing) ..

No. 3. Do. .... Sir Jeffery Amherst's Answer to Sir Wm Johnson; Contains Remarks on the Proceedings at the Late Conferences with the Indians; and of the manner he thought they ought to be Treated, &ca. .... 30th Septr.

No. 4 Do. .... Return of the Killed, Wounded, & Missing, in the Action with the Indians, on the Carrying Place at Niagara, the 14th Septemr. 1763.

No. 5 Do. ... Relation of the Gallant Defence

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made by the Crew of the Schooner on Lake Erie, when Attacked by a Large Body of Indians: As Published by order of Sir Jeffery Amherst, in the New York Papers.—

No. 6. Extracts of a Report from Lt. Colonel Robertson, from St. Augustine, of the 26th Sepr. 1763; With a Plan of the Fort of St. Augustine Annexed.

No. 7. Copy/ Letter from Lt. Colonel Robertson, from St. Augustine, to the Govr. of South Carolina; Acquaintg him of the Wants of that Garrison, &ca. & Requesting he would give Encouragemt. to Traders to Bring their Commodities there, &c. .... 15th. Sepr. 1763.

No. 8. Copy/ Letter from Sir Wm. Johnson to Sir Jeffery Amherst; Enclosing an Accompt of the Pay due to himself & the other Officers in his Department, for which he Requests a Warrant; And Likewise mentioning other Expences Incurred, the Accompts of which he was making ready, &ca. ... 30th. Sepr. 1763.

Endorsed. Schedule of Papers/ Referred to, in M. General/ Sir Jeffery Amherst's Letter to/ The Right Honble. The Earl of/ Egremont. Bearing Date/ New York, 13th. Octor. 1763.

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Johnson Hall, 14th September 1763

Sir,

I Have had the Honour of your Excellency's Letter of the 27th ult. together with a Copy of the proceedings between Captain Ecuyer and the Indians who Engaged Colonel Bouquet, whose Success & arrival at Fort Pitt gives me Infinite Satisfaction.

I Enclose your Excellency part of my pro=ceedings with the Six Nations at this place, where they have now been for several days to the Amount of 326, and I hourly Expect above 200 more from the Susquehana River, whose Business I am not yet ac=quainted with.

Your Excellency will observe my proceedings, that the rest of the Nations were accompanyed by Six Senecas, belonging to the Castles this side of Chenussio, who I cannot learn have as yet Acted against Us; the meeting lately held by the rest of the Nations with that People whom they have brought to a Sense of the Ill behaviour of the rest, and you will also observe that the Seneca Villages called Kánádeségy and Cánádaraggo are said to be in our Interest, for which reason the Indians ap=pear very desireous, that they might be continued amongst the Number of our Friends, as they have

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not committed Hostilities, and that they had given Assurances to the Indians of these Villages that they would endeavour to make their peace with the English, which prevented them from Acting against Us; On this I spoke to them very fully, but shall Expect Your Excellency's opinion, and Sentiments, before I can give them a Difinitive Answer. The Declarations & behaviour of the rest is very agreable to me, and I hope may prove so to Your Excellen=cy; but that of the Coghnawageys Deserves being particularly noticed, and has had great weight at this Meeting, from the private conferences I have had with that People, as also from the Letters which they have brought me from Canada, I plainly find they have a great Inclination to Engage against our Enemies, and that many of them only wait our Requisition, to fall upon them, or Join our Troops: I was therefore unwilling to check a proceeding, which from the Power & Warlike Turn of these People, might prove of Infinite advantage to Us, and have accord-ingly given them the War Belt, as Your Excellency will See in my proceedings; as also at the request of some Chiefs, sent Warrants (but not Subject to pay) for Two Chief Warriors in Canada, as I had done, during the time in which I was used to Send out Parties, all which I hope may prove agreable

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to your Excellency.

The Occasion of the Arrival of the Caghnawageys was principally to lay before me a complaint concerning a Tract of Land of Six Miles in Length, & one and a half in Breadth, which the Jesuits Claim, by Virtue of at Pattent, as they say, from Lewis the 14th. which Tract now in question adjoins to that concerning which Governor Gage lately passed sentence in their Favour, but there being some Circumstances relative to this Pattent, which prevents the Governor from Decideing the Matter, the Indians request I may lay their Demand before His Majesty, and I am of opinion the Affair may be made very easy to them, now that the Society is broke in France, and can Consequently hold no Lands as a Body; their Grant becoming Void. I told them I should Immediately Comply with their request, as I would willingly preserve them in the good Disposition they are in, well knowing the Unanimity of the Several Nations in Canada renders them a Respectable People, and their behaviour, together with that of the Ottawaes near Michilimackinac, and the Sakis near, if rewarded with some favours from Us, will, I believe, bind them to Us, and make them of great Use against a People, whose Numbers & Situation,

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render it Extremely difficult for Us alone to reduce them to that State, which only can Secure a Lasting Peace, Since, I am Convinced, they will never want for Assistance from the French to harrass, & keep our Frontiers in Continual Alarms, be their Situation ever so remote, or their Prospect of advantage ever so Inconsiderable, and I am apprehensive that our greatest care & precaution will scarcely be Sufficient to prevent the French from Supplying the Indians, our Enemies, with Ammunition, by the way of the Mississippi, as I well know that distance is little regarded by the Indians, Especially where they have so many fine Rivers and Communications, by which they can be Supplyed, and which will Enable the French to Engross a great part of the Trade. - Our Friendly Indians will naturally Expect a Continuance of Trade, but Least others might partake thereof, & thereby be the better Enabled to Continue their Hostilities, I believe Your Excellency will be of opinion that the Same for the present should be Carried on at a very few places, and those under our Immediate Inspection, where our Enemies will not venture on a Tradeing Footing, as at Fort Stanwix on this Communication, & not farther.

The Trade from Canada up the Ottawawa

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River appears to me from all accounts to be of a dangerous nature, many Villainies have been Carried on thro' that Channel, and our Friendly Indians in and about Canada, can be Sufficiently Supplyed at Montreal, And as many of our Enemies live in the Neighbourhood of Fort Pitt I apprehend it will be adviseable to discontinue the Trade in that Quarter.

The Loss of one of the Vessells on Lake Erie is very unlucky at this juncture, and I am very apprehensive of the fate of the Other, the Ensueing Winter, a small Party having it in their power to Burn her, when the Frost Sets in, without the Utmost Precaution.

Since Writeing the foregoing 246 Indians, from Susquahana and its Branches, as low down as Owegy, are Arrived here, they are principally come to Assure me of their Resolutions to Remain our Friends, and that they have taken the Utmost pains to prevent their People from joyning the Enemy, which has Occasioned all the Ill disposed to leave that Quarter, they Likewise Express great Satisfaction at hearing the good Resolutions of the Five Nations.

I had not closed my Letter till this Day, being the 16th Instant, when I have been Honoured with you Excellency's of the 9th & 10th Instant, in the former of which you was pleased to transmit the

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Paragraph of Lord Egremont's Letter, relative to my Department, & pointing out a particular Sum of Money not to be Exceeded, to which I shall pay due Regard, so far as is anywise consistent with the Service, & the present State of Affairs, but I am of opinion that as Matters have gone a much greater Length than was perhaps Expected, in England, when his Lordship Wrote, His Majesty will not probably, at present, Chuse to Limit the Expence, but rather leave it to your Excellency's Discretion & that of those whom he has appointed to that Department, who I Flatter myself he will Consider as proper judges thereof, as I can sufficiently make it appear, that it is with the Utmost Reluctance I obey the dictates of necessity, by Incurring any considerable Expences on Account of the Indians; and which my desire of Lessening the Publick Expences, and my Love of ease & Quiet, would induce me to avoid, if possible; none but those who have Experienced it, can be truly Sensible of the Troubles which must be undergone at this time with the Indians, if they did, they would readily believe that these troubles would Certainly be avoided; but that the urgency of Affairs make it the Duty of every Servant of the Crown to do all that is necessary for his Majesty's Service, that it may not be hereafter Suggested we owe any future Trou-

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=bles to a mistaken Oeconomy, & I believe Your Excel=
=lency is of opinion, that I shall never run into any
Expence but what the good of His Majesty's Service
and the Safety and Welfare of the Publick shall
render Indispensably necessary.

I am hopefull that in a Short time we may
hear of some Success in the Neighbourhood of the
Detroit, and I believe Your Excellency's Judicious
arrangement of the Troops will Secure that Im=
=portant Post to us during the Winter, altho' I ap=
=prehend the 42d. Regiment will hardly arrive there
before that time.

Agreable to your Excellency's favour of the
10th. Instant I shall apply to Lt. Colonel Campbell for
a Serjeant & 12 Men, who shall be kept Strictly to their
Duty, & Detained no Longer than Occasion requires.

The Attempts against the Shawanese is Cer=
=tainly very necessary, and I heartily wish Colonel
Stephen success in his Expedition; his Chief danger
will be in his Retreat up the River, besides I am
informed that the Shawanese have moved back from
the Ohio, this good while past, and that one Village
is Established about 90 Miles up the Scioto River,
where Numbers of the Delawares & others have lately
joined them.

I Flatter myself the Conduct of the Canada

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Indians will leave no Room to doubt of their Sincerity; there are many of them now ready to Join our Troops, if Required, and they have been formerly very Steadfast to the part on which they were Engaged, which they assure me, they will evince in their Attachment to Us.

I am at a Loss to consider how those Ottawaes & Friendly Indians in the Neighbourhood of La Bay Michilimackinac &ca. can be Conveniently Supplyed with Trade, dureing the Continuation of the present Hostilities, without which they will certainly be greatly disgusted, and can see no other method, but by their coming for Goods to Montreal, the Indians Likewise about the Illinois who have not as yet Intermeddled in the present troubles, will Expect a Trade whenever we shall be able to take Possession of that Country, which is of great Importance to Us, as I could venture to affirm that the French in that Quarter have been Considerably Instrumental in setting the present Hostilities on Foot, with the rest; and I much fear they will occasion Us great Difficulty in getting there by means of the Indians.

As the Senecas came hither under the Protection of the rest, by whom I know the Same was well meant, I was under a necessity of Stifleing my

Resentment for the present; and I thought it best to Treat them as a People who owed their Protection Entirely to the other Nations.

The Indians have only, in General Spoke of the Out Posts as in part the Cause of the Defection of the Senecas &ca, and I heartily wish they may be Established in such a Manner as shall prevent their falling into the Enemies hands, should they hereafter Commence Hostilities.

Mr Croghan, who will have the Honour to Deliver Your Excellency my Letter, arrived here a few days ago, in order to lay before me the necessity he is under of going to England, on his Private Affairs, for which he had before Sollicited my Permission; and now Repeated his desire of going as soon as possible, I have therefore Referred him to Your Excellency for an Answer to his Request.

I Have the Honour to be, with the utmost Respect,

Sir,

Your Excellency's

&ca

Wm Johnson.

His Excellency
Sir Jeffery Amherst.

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Extracts from the Minutes of Proceedings be=
=tween Sir William Johnson Bar.t and the Six Nations,
and Indians of Caghnawaga in Canada, &ca.

Johnson Hall Sept.r 7.th 1763_

Sir William Johnson had a Private Meeting with the Chiefs of the Onondagas, wherein they ac=
=quainted him with the Steps they had taken with the Senecas._

P. M. The Indians of each Nation assembled_

Present.

Sir William Johnson Bar.t

Sir William acquainted the Indians with his having heard that some of their People had Committed Hostilities on the Frontiers of Virginia, and desired to be Informed who were concerned therein, after which he gave them an Account of Colonel Bouquet's Successfull Engagement near Fort Pitt, and of the loss Sustained by the Indians.

Then Teyawarunte Speaker of Onondaga Addressed Sir William as follows._

Brother Warraghiyagey_

In Consequence of your Speech made to us Lately at the German Flatts, we sent Im=
=mediately to the Senecas, to know the cause of their behavior, & on the Arrival of our Deputies

in that Country, our Warriors Addressed theirs. Desiring they would Immediately lay down the Hatchet, & bethink themselves of the Danger in which their bad proceeding must Involve their families and not proudly continue the War, but Consider their Welfare.—

Then our Sachems Addressed theirs Desiring they would think for the Publick good, & not permit their Young Men to Prosecute Hostilities, but that they would Remember the Old Agreement whereby they were to keep Peace & never begin any Disturbances. Whereby they might be Assured they would never be Hurted; That therefore they should talk Wisely to their Warriors, and not Suffer them to get Drunk & behave as they had Lately Done. & Desired they would mind their proper Affairs, which was the Publick Business, & prevent any bad Designs by Observing the Agreement by which they were Bound to shake any Nation by Head who behaved Amiss; And that if they Acted as we Desired our Children yet Unborn should Reap the Advantage thereof; And desired they would Remember that this was the Third Time we had Spoken to them thereon, that we Expected they would Communicate what we had Said to all their Brethren to the Westward, as we Should Expect their Immediate Answer at Onondaga.—

The Next day we met again when the Senecas Acknowledged some of them had Acted foolishly,

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& did not know what they Did, but Begged that we should Return & Endeavor to make up Affairs with our Brethren the English.

After which they Returned our Belts, but, Ours & the Seneca Warriors, were of Opinion that the Seneca Sachems did not Act Right, & that they only talked, therefore they Agreed with us, that we Should Consider our Safety, and preserve Peace; The Seneca Warriors Saying that we had Wise men, to guide Us, but they had none, which was the Cause of the Present Troubles; & Assured Us, that they would Joyn themselves Once more to us & Act peaceably, & that these their Words were from their Hearts.—

After this, a few of us were Sent forward to Chenussio, where the Senecas have two Castles, but as those who went thither are not yet Returned We Know not the Success of their Negotiations. And now Brother We beg you may be Assured We are Unanimously determined to hold fast by the Old Agreement & preserve Peace, a Necessary Step to which we think will be your Allowing us a Large & Reasonable Trade at Oswego & the German Flatts, as Formerly: As for our parts, we shall Say Nothing farther Concerning the Posts, which have caused so much Disturbance; But We, the Five Nations, the Caghnaagas And many others in Our Alliance, will Care-

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-fully preserve peace, & use our Daily Endeavors to bring about the Same with the Rest; & We desire the General may be Immediately Acquainted with our Resolutions, & that we may have his Answer.—

Gave a Large Belt with 13 Rows.

Brother.... We now Deliver you the Belt which we Sent to Canada, whereby We Bound ourselves Alto=gether in a peaceable Alliance, & we are glad the Gov=ernor of Montreal is so well Disposed thereto.—

A Belt of 8 Rows—

Brother.... By this String we are to Acquaint you that the Friendly Ottawas near Michillimakinac have brought Home Your Flesh & Blood, who were Prisoners in that Country.—

Six Strings—

Brother..... We are heartily Sorry that any of our People have been Suspected for Striking the Inhabi=tants of Virginia; it is more Probable the Shawanese have done so, or if not, We are Sure we have no hand therein.—

Then the Meeting broke up.—

Next day the Caghnawaga's Acquainted Sir Will=iam, that as they had Unexpectedly found the Six Nations here, they Judged it Necessary to have a Meet=ing with them, which they would accordingly Hold that Morning.—

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Sir William afterwards assembled all the Indians
Present as before.—

Brethren of the Several Nations,

I Have Hearkened with Attention to what You said Yesterday, regarding your Proceedings with the Senecas, & I Shall now give you my Sentiments thereon.

Your Designs in going to the Senecas in Order to bring them to their Senses was very well Meant, but you Know it was your mere motion & not at my Desire, as that Nation had Refused to attend the Meeting held Lately with me at the German Flatts, We had nothing else to Expect but their Continuance of Hostilities which they have Really done Ever Since, & Have now Parties out Engaged in the Same, but the Indifference with which they have Received all my Admonitions & your Endeavors, is a Sufficient proof that they are badly Disposed, & can only be brought to Reason by a proper Punishment.—

It is Highly unreasonable to Suppose that any Nations will Sit still, & Accept of the Sorrow of Another for the murders they have Committed; This would be folly in us to the Highest Degree, & What I am Sure not One Nation of the Confederacy would put up with, as you make War amongst Yourselves on Occasions not in the Least Comparable to the Present.—

If your Hearts be good & your old Agreements Can be Relied upon, You can't but Consider that Every Nation who are Enemies to Us & Covenant breakers, Are Traitors to Yourselves, & are Depriving You of Trade & Quietness, and as Such Ought to be Punished with your Joynt Assistance; But We have not Asked that of you, & We only Desire you, who are our Friends to sit Still, and Observe that we Can Punish those who have Wanted War, as well as Reward them that Maintain Peace.–

Can they pay us for the Blood of Some Hundreds of their Innocent Brethren? Can they make Retaliation for the places the_ have plundred, Burn'd & Destroyed, or what Security have We for their keeping the Covenant half a Year, who have basely & Treacherously, held One Hand to us in Shew of Peace & with the Other Struck an Axe into our Heads.–

I know you can't Expect such folly from us, & I Sincerely hope for your Own Sakes, you will Remain quiet & Observe the Event, which behavior will not only Entitle you to reward, but prevent your Destruction; The General having Assured me that he is Determined on Rewarding & Noticing Every Nation that Preserves the Peace, and is Equally resolved to bring all those who have taken up the

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Hatchet to an Immediate and Severe Punishment without which Our Childrens Children can never Expect Ease but must Spend their time in War & Conferences, & Lose the benefits of Hunting & Trade; and till this Punishment be Felt by our Mutual Enemies. You Cannot Expect the Trade to be so Extensive as formerly, for which you must blame your perfidious Brethren who have so Treacherously Struck us on the Head, & thereby Deterred our Traders from Bringing up any more Goods. However We shall Endeavor all in our Power to prevail on Some to Continue it as Formerly, in some Places, provided you make no bad Use of this Indulgence.—

The Demand for an Extensive Trade was made by the very Nations who have Lately Struck us, & the Largest Promises given for the Safety & Protection not only of the Traders but Also of the Several Posts in their Country, yet the former have been Robbed, & Murdered, & the Latter Surprised, Pillaged & Destroyed.—

Judge yourselves what Encouragement then, is for Our People to go Amongst you, what Reliance we may Repose on any Promises, & you must then be of Opinion that no Punishment can be too great for a People who have broken their Old Agreements, Inhumanely Butchered their Brethren,

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and Deprived You of the Happiness and Advantages which Peace & Plentifull Trade could afford you.

I make no doubt you will Consider matters as I have justly Represented them, & I am heartily glad to hear your Professions of Peace & Friendship, the Ob=servance whereof can never be Sufficiently recommend=ed to You, as the means of Preserving your Lives, & Properties, and Securing the Inestimable Advantages of Liberty & Commerce to your Posterity—

A Belt.

Brethren .... I Return you thanks for the Belt which you Sent to the Indians in Canada for the Promoting of Peace & Unity, Which I am of Opinion that Wise People will never Attempt to Violate.—

A Belt.

Brethren .... It is with Pleasure I find that the Ottawas near Michillimakinac have had the Prudence & Friendship to Deliver up several of Our People who were Prisoners in that Country, and I Expect that so laudable an Example will be follow=ed by many Others.—

Then Sir William Concluded with Acquaint=ing them that he Would lay their Speech before Sir Jeffery Amherst, the Event of which was Uncer=tain, as Measures were Already taken for Punishing those who had been in Arms Against Us.

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Eodm Sir.— The Caghnawaga's had a Meeting with Sir William Johnson & the Indians of the Several Nations when they Spoke as follows.

Assaragoa Speaker

Brother Warraghiyagey,

We Thank the Great Spirit for Enabling us to meet this Day, which is in Consequence of your Message Recommending Peace & Quietness to our Confederacy, & that we Should keep our Warriors in Order, with which we have punctually Complied, and you may Assure Yourself we shall always Concurr with your Desires, & hold fast by our Old Agreement, And that we have Noticed what you Sayed to us on the Reduction of Canada, when You took the War Axe from us & Directed us to pursue our Hunting, So that we must now be Still, having no Axe; And now Brother we are Afraid that through the means of some Bad People, you may Let Slip the Covenant Chain which we are Determined ever to hold fast by. And therefore Entreat you to do the Same—

A Belt.

Brethren of the 6 Nations,

I am now to Speak to you, & to Return Thanks to the Great Spirit for this Unex-

-pected Meeting with you at this place.

We Listned with Attention yesterday to what you Said to our Brother Warraghiyagey, & We then told you we Should Speak to you this Day.

We are Sorry to find that what you then Said does not Appear to us to have proceeded from your Hearts, but from your Lips only, therefore we now Desire you will pay Due regard to the Old Agree-ments, & Speak the Real Sentiments of your Hearts, and We Address you the Sachems & Warriors present to Recollect Yourselves as you Appear to us to be Drunk, We therefore Expect You will be all of One Mind, & Speak your true Sentiments to your Brother.–

Brethren of the Senecas–

What are you now About, or what do you think will be the Consequence of your Letting Slip the Covenant Chain?–

We desire you will Recollect Yourselves, And we now Shake you by the Heads, to bring you to Reason–

You are too Apt to Listen to False News, & Idle Stories, but as that is no Excuse for your Breaking the Covenant Chain, we Desire you will bethink yourselves in time, & Pay no regard to them, & that you will Seriously Consider what we have Said to You, & for your Children's and Familys Sakes

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mind our Words. Otherwise you will Lose your Country & Possessions.

Don't Despair of the English forgiveness You See an Example of it in us, who were for a time their Enemies, & we doubt not if you will Shew a proper Sorrow for your Behavior you may Obtain the Same; We therefore Desire you will hold fast by your Old Agreements, and mind your Brother Warraghiyagey, & that you will take this Our Belt to the Senecas Country which is Spoken on behalf of the Sachems & Warriors of Seven Nations, who are All Unanimous, and Acquaint them that if they will not Pay Due Regard thereto Our Nations must Assuredly be Obliged to Quarrell. –

A Belt.

The Caghnawagas then Delivered Sir William a Letter from Captain Claus D. Agent in Canada giving an Account of a Complaint made by the Indians concerning a Tract of Land Six Miles in Length, & One and an Half in Breadth Claimed by the Jesuits by Patent from Lewis the 14th. & Adjoyning the Land lately in Dispute; They therefore Begged that Sir William would Procure them Redress therein.

Next Day the Indians all Assembled

Present as before

Conoghquieson Speaker.

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Brother Warraghiyagey.

We Assure you for Certain that on our going to the Senecas Country We persuaded all of that Nation to Peace so far as Canaderagey; So that, that Castle & Canadisega are Your Friends, & We are to Inform you that we are Eleven Nations of One Mind, Linked together in the Chain of Friendship, & Determined to preserve Peace. But as to the more Distant Castles of the Senecas We can not at Present Answer for them, as Our Messengers are not Returned from thence: And as you may Rely on our Resolutions We Earnestly request you will on your Parts be as Carefull of Observing the Peace as We are.

A Large Belt.

Brother .... On the Declarations you made us at the German Flatts, of the General's favorable Disposition towards all those who are Peaceable, & that he had no designs against us who Were Friends; We Unanimously Agreed to Continue so, & to Keep Our Warriors at Home According to the Old Agreement: And We desire you will not believe we are a Proud People, inclined to Quarrel, but that we are well Disposed: We Likewise Beg, that in Consequence of these our Resolutions you will not Break your Engagements with us Your Friends, as We are Determined never to Strike first, but Only to Defend

Ourselves in case of being Attacked—

Two Belts together

Brother.... We Request you will pay the most Ser=
=ious Attention to what we shall now say in the
name of us all.—

We are very Sensible of the Hostilities Com=
=mitted & the Indignities Offered You, which we know
must Awake your Resentment, & that therefore you
will probably have Occasion to Use the Road up
the Country which was formerly Considered as a
Road of Peace; Therefore knowing your Foot to be
Large and Broad, we Earnestly desire you will take
Care & not touch Us your Friends therewith in
passing the Same, As We shall give you no hin=
=drance; & We have farther to Request that You
will not hurt the Party of Ours which is now out
Against the Southern Indians, as we are Certain,
they will do you no Harm —

A Belt.—

Then the Meeting broke up for this Time.—

Sir William had also this day Several
other Meetings both Publick, & Private with the In=
=dians, But delayed Answering the Caghnawagas
untill he had finished with the Rest—

The 10th.— Sir William had a Meeting with all
the Nations when he Assured them that Should any

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Nation whatsoever from a Dislike of their Fidelity to us, and there present Engagements, fall upon their Confederacy, they should find we would Afford them both Assistance & Protection: And, that as they had Acted so Friendly apart, as well as for a Reward of their Trouble in Endeavoring to prevent any further Hostilities, & an Encouragement to them to Act as became our Friends. He in His Majesty's Name, had prepared a Present for them which should be Delivered out the Next Day, Recommending it to them to Act such a Part for the future, as should make them Appear Worthy our Favor.

11th.. All the Nations Assembled when Tiyerhasere, Addressed Sir William Johnson as follows, on Behalf of the Rest.–

Brother Gorah Warraghiyagey,

I am now on behalf of all the Confederacy consisting of Eighteen Nations Including Seven in Canada to Return you their most hearty Thanks for the Wholesome Admonitions you gave them, & I am in their Name to Assure you that they are Determined to pay the greatest regard to them: Were they not so Inclined, they would not have taken so much pains as they have done, to preserve Peace in those Parts: I am farther to Assure you, they will never forget the Friendly Offers You have made them of Assistance &

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Protection, as we know we can rely on your Promises; We Shall take your Belt, & what you have Said thereon to Our Council fire at Onondaga, & after we have Acquainted all our People therewith, shall Send you a Belt in Exchange, with our farther Sentiments.—

Then the Onondaga Speaker stood up, & taking a Large Convenient Chain Belt in his Hand Delivered to them at Albany in 1754, by the Governor in the (sic) presence of Commissioners from the Several Governments, he Repeated the Engagements made thereon, & then on behalf of the Eighteen Nations, Brightened & Renewed the Same, which he Desired Sir William Johnson should Acquaint the General, & Governor with, & let them know that so many Nations, were our Friends & Determined to Remain so, whilst we Treated them in a peaceable friendly manner.—

Sir William Johnson Answered them that he was well pleased they Had Remembered their Engagements, the Observance of which he Strictly Recommended to them, as we Should on our parts strictly Observe the Same, whilst they Adhered thereto; Adding that he would Acquaint the General with their proceedings & made no Doubt but he would approve thereof, with which they should be made Acquainted.

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12th A. M. Delivered out a Present to the Indians—

Then Assembled the Caghnawaga's when Sir William Johnson Addressed them as follows.

Brethren of Caghnawaga,

I have heard with Satisfaction the Speech you made to the Six Nations in General, & to the Senecas in particular: The manner in which you Expressed your Disapprobation of their Conduct, Convinces me of your Sincerity & good Sense, And in Justice to you I shall Lay it before the General, And also Send it home, that the great King may know your good Disposition, & honest Intention—

A Large String—

Brethren—Your Concurring with my Request lately made to Your Nations by Captain Claus my Deputy, & your present promises of a Due Observance of the Treaty of Peace & Friendship into which you & Several other Nations were Received on the Reduction of Canada gives me much pleasure.

The Wisdom which your Sachems and Chiefs have Manifested in Adhering thereto leaves me no Doubt of your holding the Violaters thereof in the greatest Detestation, & of Concurring with us in bringing them to Punishment, which I Strongly Recommend to You.

A Belt

On the Reduction of Canada we became One

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People, & Race was Established throughout the Country, Trade was beginning to Flourish to our Mutual Advantage. When on a Sudden these foolish Treacherous Nations, whom we took into the Chain of Friendship with you, & the Rest of Our Brethren, without any Notice or provocation fell upon our Traders, Butchering & Captivating them, taking the Goods designed for their Conveniency, & that of Others, Surprizing by the Vilest Stratagems, & Destroying the Kings Posts, & Troops, who were for the Protection of Trade posted in their Several Countrys, by which Unwarrantable Behavior, they have Sullied the Covenant Chain which We Brightened so Lately and thereby Debarred the well Disposed Indians of the Benefit of Trade & good Offices which the English intended, & were Inclined to do them—

At the Treaty with you on the Conquest of Canada, I Considered the Axe, given you by the French as a dangerous Weapon amongst Friends, & therefore on Receiving you into our Alliance, I Buried the Same by pulling up a Large Pine Tree under which run a Stream of Water into which I cast the Axe so that it might no more be found; But as the Covenant Chain which was then Brightened & Renewed by us, is broken by those Quarrelsome bad People whom we Received Amongst the number of our Friends I think it necessary that you as People who

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Acts the Same Should be Enabled to Defend Yourselves, & Act agreable to your Engagements in Concert with your Brethren the English against all who have Vio-lated the Said Agreement_

I now therefore Deliver you a Good English Axe made of the best Stuff, which I Desire you will give to the Warriors of all your Nations with Directions to Use the Same against these Covenant Breakers. by Cutting off the Bad Links which have Sullied the Chain of Friendship. in which they will not Fail being Supported by their Brethren the English

A Large Black Belt_

Brethren_ I am heartily Sorry to Find that a Sett of People who pretended Solely the Care of your Salvation should thirst after Worldly Possessions; You find on your Application concerning the for-mer Tract in Dispute that the Governor of Mont-real gave you Immediate Redress, which you would have met with in this, but that the Case is Diff-erent, as these Lands were given by the King of France to the Jesuits Solely; But I shall Notwithstand-ing lay the Matter before the Persons in Power who will Certainly do you all the Justice which your Case shall Appear to Deserve._

A Belt._

Endorsed.

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Copy 1.

New York, 30th September, 1763.

Sir,

I am to Acknowledge the Favor of your Letter of the 14th & 16th Instant, Enclosing Extracts of your Proceedings with the Indians at the Late Conference, which I have carefully Perused, & am now to give you my Opinion thereon. —

I must always Submit to your better Judgement with Regard to the Treatment of Indians, But the Behaviour of the Senecas has been so glaringly Bad, that I Own I should have been for keeping any of that Nation at a Distance, & Shewing them that We Considered them as Infamous Scoundrels whom We Despised: However, from what you mention of the Two Castles Kánádasségy & Cánádáragge & the Five Friendly Tribes Interceding for them, I am glad to treat them as Friends; & I Have Wrote to Major Gladwin, and the Commanding Officer at Niagara, in any Offensive Operations that may be Carried on against the Senecas, not to Molest the Indians of those Castles; but I have, at the Same time, Cautioned those Officers not to take any Notice of this to the Indians in General, lest the Guilty may Immediately take Shelter there, &

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by that means Evade the Punishment they so Justly Deserve, & which I Trust, they will meet with.

The Declaration & Behavior of the Canada Indians give me great Satisfaction; and Your Answers to them have my thorough Approbation; But I can by no means think of Employing them upon this Occasion: The Retaining them in our Interest is very Necessary: Their Assistance is rather a Dangerous Expedient, & by perseverance & proper Measures, I have no Doubt but We shall, by our Own Strength, which is the most Natural One, Reduce the Savages who have Commenced Hostilities, to Such a Low Ebb, as will Effectually Deter them from Attempting to Disturb Us hereafter: The Lateness of the Season; the Unfortunate Death of Captain Dalyell, & Some other Circumstances, which We Could not prevent, may perhaps put it out of Our Power of Settling Matters to our Satisfaction before the Winter Sets in, but the Punishment of the Savages, and the Security of the Country, shall not be the Less Certain; For I am Determined to go thro' with it; in such a Manner, that the Whole Race of Indians, who have any Connection with the English, may See the folly & Madness, as well as the Ingratitude, of Setting themselves in Opposition to a People from whom they have Received so many Benefits, & whose

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Power is Such as Can, in a very Short time, make the Savages Feel the Utmost Extremity of Want, & Render their pretended Importance of very little Effect; for I really cannot help thinking that they Owe much of that Assumed Dignity & Consequence which they put on, to Our Treatment of them.

I am fully Convinced of your Exerting your utmost Endeavors for the good of the Service, & have no Doubt but you will Pay the Strictest Regard to the Oeconomy Recommended by the Earl of Egremont, in the Letter of which I transmitted you an Extract: The Late Defection of so many Tribes, in my opinion, ought to Lessen the Expences in your Department: The Measures they have Occasioned to be taken for Reducing them, will Create a very heavy and Unavoidable Expence to the Crown: Their Punishment must be previous to the Treating with them; & when that shall happen, all they can Expect, is Forgiveness, & a Trade, under proper Regulations, opened to them, but as to Presents it would certainly be the Highest Presumption in them to Expect any: Justice they shall have; but no more; for they can never be Considered by Us, as a People to whom We Owe Rewards, & it would be Madness, to the highest Degree, Ever to Bestow Favors on a Race, who have so Treacherous-

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=ly, & without any provocation on our Side, Attacked our Posts, & Butchered our Garrisons._ Presents Should be given only to those who Remain our firm Friends._

I Agree Entirely with you that Fort Stanwix is high Enough, at Present, to have any Trade with the Indians; for the Friendly Tribes may very well Supply themselves there, with what is Absolutely Ne=cessary; And I would have them Receive no more.

The Clamor Raised against the French is, I am persuaded, greatly owing to a Jealousy of the Traders; However should it appear that any of the French at the Detroit have been Tampering with the Savages, Major Gladwin has full power from me to Send them Down to Montreal, or Punish them other=wise, as the Nature of their Crime may Deserve.

When the Disturbances are Quelled, & Every thing Settled again on a proper Footing; the Otta=was & Indians Inhabiting near Michillimakinac & La Baye, may be Supplyed from Montreal; but I Trust the Precautions I have taken will put it out of their Power of getting any at present; for they would most Certainly make a bad use of it; And I can never think that One part of a Nation bring=ing in a few of our People, when the Others are Committing Hostilities, attended with the most Shock=ing Barbarities, Should Induce Us to Load them

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with Presents, which would Serve to Enable their Brethren to prolong the War, they have so Unjustly Commenced.—

I Have Wrote to the Commanding Officer at the Mobile; to take the Necessary precautions for preventing any Supplys of Ammunition &ca. getting to the Western Indians by the Mississippi: Indeed the Quantity they could get that way must be but very Inconsiderable; & would be so long of Coming that it Could not Answer their present purpose; however We cannot be too much on our Guard to Secure Every Avenue, by which they Could get the Least Supplys.—

I was greatly Surprized to Find Mr. Croghan Desirous of going to England, at a time, when Surely his Presence is Necessary in his Department; if it was Ever So: When I Told him, that I could not Answer to the giving him Leave of Absence at present; he Offered to Resign, which I Likewise Disapproved of, altho' as he was your Deputy, I Could not Refuse him, if he persisted in that Mind: I However Prevailed upon him to Advise with you, before he took such a Step, which he Agreed to, & he is Set out for Bedford to Attend on his Duty, of which I Conclude he will Inform you, by Letter: He Seemed to be Disgusted, at the Commanding Officer at

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Fort Pitt, having the Direction of the Expences, which I cannot alter, as I still think it is more proper that, That Power, should be Lodged in a Commanding Officer than a Deputy Agent; Nor can I See what Reason the Latter can have to Complain on that Account; for I should Imagine he would be Glad, to have that Authority for the Expences Incurred in his Department.—

I am, with great Regard,

Sir, &ca.

Jeff: Amherst.

Sir William Johnson Bart.

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Copy.

Return of the Killed, Wounded & Missing in the Action on the Carrying Place at Niagara – The 14th Sept. 1763.

Regiments	Wounded	Killed				
	Rank & File	Captains	Lieutenants	Ensigns	Serjeants	Rank & File
Royal Artillery			1			—
60th Royal Americans						3
80th Light Infantry	8		2		6	63
Jersey } Provincials		1				2
York }			1			2
Total	8	1	4		6	70
Sutler's Servants						2
Total						72

Names of the Officers Killed

Lieut: Rosco .... Royal Art.ry

Lieut: Campbell }
Lieut: Fraser } ... 80th Regt.

Capt: Johnson .... Jersey Provin.ls

Lieut. Dayton ..... New York Do.

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Copy.

Relation of the Gallant Defence made by the Crew of the Schooner on Lake Erie, when Attacked by a Large Body of Indians; as Published by Order of Sir Jeffery Amherst in the New York Papers.

The Schooner Sailed from Niagara, loaded with Provisions, some time in August last: Her Crew consisted of the Master & Eleven Men, with Six Mohawk Indians, who were Intended for a particular Service. She Entered the Detroit River on the 3d September: And on the 4th in the Morning, the Mohawks seemed very Desirous of being put on Shore, which the Master, very Inconsiderately agreed to. The Wind proved contrary all that Day; & in the Evening, the Vessell being at Anchor, about Nine o'Clock, the Boatswain discovered a Number of Canoes coming down the River, with about Three Hundred & Fifty Indians; Upon which the Bow Gun was Immediately Fired; but before the other Guns could be brought to Bear, the Enemy got under the Bow & Stern, in Spite of the Swivels & Small Arms, & Attempted to Board the Vessell, Whereupon the Men Abandoned their Small Arms, & took to their Spears, with which they were provided; And, with Amazing Resolution & Bravery, knocked the Savages in the Head; Killed many; & Saved the Vessell; for

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the Barbarians having cut the Cable, to which there was a Spring, the Schooner Swung Round, with her Stern to the Current; put the Savages, at Once, to the Utmost Confusion, & gave the Crew an Opportunity of bringing the great Guns to bear, which did great Execution, and soon Dispersed the Indians: It is certain Seven of the Savages were Killed on the Spot, & Eight had Died of those that were Wounded, when the Accounts came away. – The Master & One Man were Killed, & four Wounded on Board the Schooner, & the Other Six brought her safe to the Detroit: Their Undaunted Resolution & Bravery cannot be too much Commended; and we are well assured, that a Proper Reward will be given them for a Behavior so Commendable & Praiseworthy.

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Extracts of a Report from Lt. Colonel Robertson, from St Augustine, of the 26th September 1763; With a Plan of the Fort of St Augustine Annexed.

"The Situation of St Augustine considered, I judge Six Companys a Large Proportion, of the Force Destined for Florida & Louisianne, for this Place, and have Ordered a Company from hence to Apalachi: They are to be Transported thither in the Curaçoa Sloop, who after Landing them Joyns me at Pensacola. To Obviate Difficultys the Spanish Governor Sends Orders to the Spanish Garrison, to give up the Place; I Send the Like Orders to the Royal Americans, and Direct them to go on Board the Curaçau, to be Drafted at Pensacola.

"After Consulting the Spanish Commissary & Notary, & being Certain that the Property is Unquestionably the Kings, I have Set off a Garden for the Garrison, which Major Ogilvie will Immediately Cultivate: This, with a Notice I have Sent to Carolina, & Georgia, that there are no Taxes, or Dutys, to be Paid, will soon Alter the Price of the Necessaries of Life, which at present are as Dear here as at the Havana.

"The Spanish Governor, with about Half his Garrison Remain here, Waiting for Vessels to Carry them away: No Body Lived here but Soldiers, & their

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Dependents: All of them leave this; they Say that all the Houses are theirs, & an Officer is Arrived from the Havana, who is to Sell these for the Benefit of the Owners, & of the King of Spain, Who, in order to induce Every Spaniard to Remove, has Promised to make up whatever the Sale of their Houses & Lands may fall Short of their Real Value.–

"There are no Barracks for Officers: Major Ogilvie found those of the Royal Quartered in Private Houses, by the Authority of the Spanish Governor; He Applyed to have those of the 9th, so far as their Number Exceeded the Royal, Quartered; the Governor Ordered Houses for them, & Ogilvie, not Expecting that any Demand would be made for Payment, Satisfyed himself with an Enquiry that they were Well Quartered.–

"The Plans & Sections Enclosed, will give you a good Idea of Fort St Augustine, upon which the Spaniards Mounted 82 Guns; These, as they were Permitted by the Treaty, they have taken away; The Faces & Curtains were Crouded with Embrazures: Should You judge Guns only Necessary for the Flanks, Fourteen will be wanted, Mr Keppel having Sent hither two, for 24 pound Ball.–

"The Rooms, & the Way they have been hitherto Employed appear in the Annexed Return.

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The Climate is hot; the Weather Glass this day is at 90; and there being no thorough Air, the Rooms are Suffocating; the Soldiers Quartered in them generally Chuse to Lye on the Ramparts; I Propose to make Loop Holes in the Wall, & to Turn two of the Rooms into Officers Barracks, there being at present no Officers Quarters in the Fort: When the Spaniards go, One of the Three Churches here, & the Fryar's Rooms, may be turned into Officers Bar=racks. Here is a very good Airy Hospital for Sixty Men; the Houses Used as Barracks in Town are Bad; Claimed as Private Property, & Want Repair. The Spanish Commissary with his Notary Publick, is this day to Shew me what Houses, or Land, within the Lines belong to the King; and he is to give me an Account of what Lands throughout the Province is not Claimed as Private property: This will prevent future Claims being Trumpt up: Those that are made now are Considerable, Conveyances having been made or Titles Formed in favor of the Descendants of the first Conquerors, of almost all the Lands be=tween this, & the River Albamah, ten Leagues to the Northward of St. John's.—

If the Vessel does not Sail this day, I shall Write more fully on this Subject.

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An Accident, I Fear, will prevent a Plan I have had taken of the Town, & its Environs from Reaching you by this Occasion; the Lines & Morasses with which it is Surrounded, are its greatest Strength; An Enemy would Find great Difficulty to Pass these, but when within them, the Ground is so favorable for an Approach, that the Fort could Resist an Enemy, with a Proper Artillery, but a few days. The Extent of the Lines would in Case of a Siege, would Require more Troops than are now in Florida for their Defence, but the present Garrison will be Sufficient to keep them in Repair in the time of Peace.

The Garrison here Detaches a Serjeant & Twelve Men to Picolata; Seven Leagues Distant to the N. W. on the Banks of the River St. John: This is a Tower on which the Spaniards had Four Patararoes, which they have Removed: This Served to Cover the Passage over the River to preserve the Communication with Appalachi; In the Spanish Hands was an Advanced Post against the Indians; In Ours a Place to which Traders Intend to Repair, to Supply them with Goods.

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12 men; The Country being flatt, a Lookout which is placed here, Discovers a great Way, and makes this a proper Advanced Post.

Matanzas is a Tower where the Spaniards had Five Guns, which they have taken away; The Garrison sends Ten men hither; It serves to Guard the Lower Bar, at the South End of the Island: I Hope Mr Moncrieffe & Pittman will Bring me Plans of these, which they have taken by my Direction, but possibly may not have Finished when the Vessel Sails—

I Have taken a good deal of Pains to Collect all that can be Learnt about the Former & Present State of Florida; & have Received all the Assistance the Governor can give: In a day or two I shall Frame my Account of this Matter into the Order Your Instructions Direct.— The following is a Summary which my next shall Explain.

The Country is capable of Producing all Sorts of Grain & Fruit; No West India Island can make better Sugar, nor Ireland Abound more in Cattle & all Sorts of Stock: At first it Supplyed the Havana with Cattle, &ca; but since 1700, the Spaniards have been, by the Indians, Confined to their Forts, & the Country is all Uncultivated; Yet Buffalos,

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& Remains of the Spanish Cattle, are to be found in the Woods.—

The Crown had no Revenue; the Little Trade being free: The King of Spain Expended Yearly on this Province, Two Hundred Thousand pieces of Eight in paying the Troops & Ecclesiasticks.—

The Subjects here were more than Three Thousand of all Sizes & Sexes: These Consisted of Three Piquetts, a Hundred Each, from the Havana; a Troop of Horse of a Hundred, half Mounted; and last Year a company of Catalans were Introduced as proper to Subdue Indians: These, & their Dependents, Formed the Whole Inhabitants, who all Remove to Cuba—

The Officers on the Staff were ... And their Salary in Dollars.

The Governor	5000
A Town Major	1200
An Adjutant	480
A 2d. Adjutant	300
A Physician, Surgeon, Apothecary — Each at	400

Nine Franciscans were Pay'd by the King.

The Indians have prevented the Engineers from getting Plans of the Country; they have given me One of Appalachi, & of some parts of

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the Coast: The Description of the Rivers & their Courses, is too long to be now Inserted, but shall be sent with my Next.—

None of the Wants of the Garrison Claim so immediate Attention as the Difficultys Arising from the Badness of the Bar, & the Want of Pilots. I Propose to purchase a Spanish Launch, that Rows with Twenty Oars, and to Man her with the Troops: This is often absolutely Necessary, in Carrying out Vessels, as they must go when the Tide is Rising, & are often obliged to be Towed out. Ships have paid to the Spaniards 60 Bitts, to the Soldiers, & Three Dollars to the Pilot for Coming in, & as much for going out.— I Have Offered the Launch & a House at the Lookout, and to Continue the Rate of Pilotage to some People who are Capable, if they will oblige themselves to Do the Duty of Pilots; but I can get None that will Undertake this, without a Salary of £50.– Sterling. If one or two New York Pilots, who will not now be Burthened with Business, could be persuaded to Come here, without their Sloops, & Settle, they would be of Infinite Use to this Place; In a Week they would become Pilots; The Story of the Bar Shifting is a Fable, Invented to Raise the Price of Pilotage; and as Pittman is making a Chart of it, & will Describe the Land

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Marks, the Difficulty of getting in will be in a good Measure Removed; At present it is so great, that no Vessel will come here at this Season, tho' they have had high Prices for what they have Brought, & tho' it be known throughout Georgia & Carolina, that henceforwards no Taxes, or Duties, will be Demanded here.—

The Order for Stopping Four Pence Sterling for Each Ration of Provisions took Place the day after my Arrival: This place tho capable of producing Every thing, Affords Nothing at present but Fish: Not an Herb; Not a Cabbage; All is Overgrown with Weeds; Cattle come from Georgia; & Beef is Sold at 9d. New York Money a pound.

The New Regulations were not well Received by the Soldiers: On Tuesday Morning Six of them Deserted; Four Carried off their Arms— So soon as Notice Reached me, I went to the Spanish Governor, who Readily Ordered two Partys of Dragoons, of Twelve Each, there being only two Ways by which they could go. An English Serjeant & Corporal were Mounted, & Went with Each Party: The Spaniards Understand Tracting better than Indians, or this Country either Covered with Sand or Grass, better Affords the Means: After Riding One Mile, they came upon the Tracts, which they followed at a Gallop for

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nine Leagues, where They Took all the Deserters.

A General Court Material, whose Proceedings I Enclose, Condemned Four to Death & two to a Thousand Lashes; the two Last Receive the Punishment Allotted: The Other Four Equally Undergo the Fear, but One Alone Suffers the pain of Death: Four Partys are prepared to Shoot them; Four Coffins are made; They are all to Kneel in a Row, Blindfolded, but when One Party Fires, the Others will be Ordered to Recover their Arms, & the Regt. will be Informed, that after this Example & Notice, Certain Death will be the Consequence of Desertion. – My Judgment Led me to Shoot the Four, but an Application from the Court Material; an Assurance from the Commanding Officer that One Example would Suffice to prevent Desertion in the Ninth; the good Character of three of the Condemned, & the Interposition of the Spanish Governor, to whom We owed the Prisoners, altogether, Led me to be humanely Wrong, rather than Rigidly Right. –

I Intended once in place of Pardoning, to have Respited the Execution, 'till your Pleasure should be Known; but after Reflection, I thought You would not Like such an Appeal; that this would End in a Pardon, which Coming from

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You, might have a Worse Influence on the Regiment than if they are Left to think that the Lives of these Men are Saved by the Want of Resolution of an officer Young in Command.]

Return of the Number of Rooms in the Fort St. Augustine September 27th 1763

	No.
Rooms, with Provisions & Stores	12.
Do. ..... with Spaniards	3.
Soldiers Rooms	6.
Officers Guard Room	1.
Soldiers Guard Room	1
Total	23

N. B. Five Companys are Quartered in the Fort, & Four in Town

15	Houses	In Town where Officers & Soldiers are Quartered.–
2	Barracks	
1	Hospital	
18	Total.	

Endorsed. Extracts of a Report from | Lt Colonel Rob=ertson from | St Augustine, of the 26th Sepr | 1763; With a Plan of the Fort | Annexed | In Sr Jeff: Amherst's, of the | 13th Octr 1763 | No. 6.

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Copy 1.

St. Augustine, 15th September, 1763.

Sir,

Sir Jeffery Amherst having done me the Honor to put the Forces in Florida & Louisianne under my Command, among other Instructions Relative to the Desposal and Supply of the Troops has given me one to Correspond with you Excellency.

I Readily Enter upon a part of my Com=mission, where the Performance of my Duty pro=cures me Pleasure & Honor.—

This Country, tho' Capable of produceing with the least Cultivation, most of the Conveni=encys of Life, has not any of the Necessarys, but must depend Upon the Neighboring Colonies for all kinds of Supplys: In Order to Induce dealers the more readily to furnish these, a Rule has been Es=tablished here since my Arrival, which will be Observed in all the Posts in Florida & Louisianne Vizt. No Taxes, or Duty's whatever will be Exacted Upon Goods, No Person will pretend to Fix Prices upon them, the Market will be open & Free, where the Conveniency of the Buyer & Seller will deter=mine the Rates, without the Interposition of Au=thority. The Importation And Sale of Spiritous Liquors only is Forbid: Sir Jeffery having found

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that the Venders of these in place of being usefull to the Troops, Serve only to Debauch their Morals & Destroy their Health.

The Masters of Vessels will be Subject to no Port Dutys, but will get Certificates & Passes without Fee or Reward.

By the Treaty of Peace, the Spaniards who I am Informed are Proprietors of all the Lands and Houses within this Town, have Liberty to dispose of them; a want of other Purchasers may give one or Two Gentlemen here a Monopoly, destructive to the growth of the Colony and Exclude all other Settlers, tho' Contrary to the present views of the Gentlemen I am Speaking of, who are Creditors to most of the Spaniards and it is with Reluctance they Accept of Houses & Lands in Lieu of money; but their Successors may use a Right which Necessity Obliges these Gentlemen to Acquire, in a manner destructive to the Colony, which a division of the property of the Convenient Situations can only People.—

A great Quantity of Pork has been Sent hither from the Havana; it is at present good, and it is Judged will Continue So for three Months, Such part as the Troops can't Consume in that time I have Ordered to be Sold for the Use of the

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known. there is likewise here a very Large Quan=
=tity of Rum, more than the Troops could have
Occasion for in Twenty Years, Likewise Ordered
to be Sold.–

Allow me to beg that your Excellency will
make these things known in your Government,
the Notice appearing under your Name will Satisfie
some who might have doubts, if the Information
came from any other Authoritys, and Aided by
your Countenance, will produce to the New Ced=
=ed Country All the Advantages of a good Neigh=
=borhood.

Major Ogilvie, before my Arrival, Sent a=
=mong the Indians a Person to Acquaint them of
the Spanish Cession: to profess that the Inten=
=tions of the English are to live in a Friendly
manner with the Indians, and other Compliments
of that kind, the Man is not yet returned, Some
Indians Lately Appeared near Picolata, a Port
Twenty Five Miles from hence on the River St.
Johns, they Shewed White Colours; Fired Guns; and
their demeanor was Judged by the Serjeant who
Commanded, to be Friendly, he pulled off his
Hat And beckened, but being opposite Sides of
the River, there was no farther Intercourse.–

I Suppose the Agent for Indian Affairs

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has considered the best means of obtaining & cul=
=tivating the Friendship of the Indians, in Florida
& Louisianne; I shall be glad to receive Information
from him & to promote his Views; I am determined
that the power Sir Jeffery Amherst has Lodged in
the Commanding Officers at Posts be Executed Ac=
=cording to his Intentions, and that Licences shall
be granted to all proper Persons, without Fee or
Reward, in order to Enable them to Trade on Terms
Advantageous to the Indians; If your Excellency
takes the Trouble to Recommend any particular At=
=tention shall be taken to Accomodate & Encourage them.

I shall soon proceed to Visit Pensacola, Mobile,
the Mississippi &ca, and shall be proud of Receiving,
and happy in Executing any of your Excellency's Com=
=mands.

I have the Honor to be.

Sir, &ca.

His Excellency Governor Boone } James Robertson

Endorsed. Copy, Letter from Lt. Colonel Robertson to
the Governor of South Carolina, Dated St. Augustine,
15th. Sepr. 1763, Acquainting him of the Wants of that
Garrison; & Requesting he would give Encouragement
to Traders to Bring their Commodities &ca. In Sr. Jeff:
Amherst's of the 13th. Octr. 1763, No. 7.

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Copy 1.

Johnson Hall, 30th September 1763.

Sir,

Herewith I take the Liberty of transmitting Your Excellency the Account of my own & Officers Sallary &ca. in my Department to the 24th Instant, for the payment of which I beg Leave to request your Warrant.—

Captain Claus has drawn upon me from Montreal for £700. Currency, on Account of Presents given to the Indians of Arbre Croche &ca. who Escorted the Officers, their Garrisons, & Traders, by Virtue of an Order from General Gage; I shall therefore have to request your Excellency's Warrant for the same, together with the Several disbursements since my last Acct. also that of the present, which I lately gave the Five nations and others, so soon as I have got together some other Accts. Incurred in my Department.—

I am greatly Concerned at the Loss we have lately Sustained near Niagara, Especially as the Consequences may prove fatal for the Detroit should they be in want of Provisions at that place as I fear the Bullocks, Cattle &ca. cannot be replaced in Sufficient time this Season.—

I look upon the Indians who cutt off the

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Two Companys 80th & others to be Chiefly of Chenussio, as the Same is but 60 Miles from Niagara, the Success which they met with, may perhaps Encourage all the Senecas to Joyn them, And as that Nation consists in the Whole of near 1000 Fighting Men, I apprehend any Escorts which at present can be afforded for Crossing the Carrying Place will prove Insufficient.—

The Senecas & Delawares seem Closely connected together in Mischief, which arises from their vicinity; and also the Chippawaes at the North side of the Lakes Ontario & Erie, but should His Majesty's Troops at Détroit Effect any thing Considerable, it might draw off the attention of the latter Nation and keep them in their own Country.—

So Soon as I received the Account of the affair near Niagara, I sent Belts Immediately thro' the Five Nations & Susquahanas, Recommending it to them to consider the Senecas for the future as an unworthy People past reclaim, and who Instead of being treated with, should be brought to Condign Punishment, and I doubt not they will be Considered in that Light, by the greatest part of our Friendly Indians, many of whom I believe, I can prevail on to Joyn a Body of His Majesty's Troops against the Enemy on timely Notice, which I believe might prove of great Service; and I am humbly of opinion

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that an opportunity offers of breaking that Chain of affection Subsisting between them & the French, by Employing a few of the Latter with our Troops, this would most Effectually Convince the Indians, that they are now English Subjects and ready to act against them, Contrary to which, I am well informed the French in General tell them, they have nothing to do with the English, as a proof of which none of them are Employed; this, the Indians are Induced to believe, & not only protect all the French they meet with, but their Goods also, and the former are greatly Encouraged to Commit Hostilities from the opinion they have of the Friendship between them, & the private Satisfaction which these Disturbances afford the French.

I have the Honour to be, with the Utmost Respect

Sir,

Your Excellency's / &ca.

Wm. Johnson.

His Excellency
Sir Jeffery Amherst.

Endorsed. Copy/ Letter from Sir William/ Johnson to Sir Jeffery Amherst./ Dated Johnson Hall, 30th Sept. 1763/ And Recd. the 13th Octr./ Enclosing an Accompt of the Pay/ due to himself, & the Other Officers/ in his Department; for which he/ Requests a Warrant; & Likewise/ Mentioning other Expences Incurred./ the Accompts of which he was/ making Ready, &ca./ In Sr. Jeff: Amherst's of the/ 13th Octr. 1763/ No. 8.

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Schedule of Papers Delivered by Major General Sir Jeffery Amherst, on his giving up the Command of the Troops in North America, to Major General Gage

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No. 1.	Copys of Commission, Secretary of States Letters &c.	
	Commission under the Great Seal to Major General Amherst as Commander in Chief in North America	16th Dec. 1760
	Ditto ... to Ditto ... as Ditto	17th Dec. 1760
	Instructions to Major General Amherst	17th Dec. 1760
	Warrant for Settling the Rank & Precedence in No. America	17th Dec. 1760
	Warrant for Settling the Rank of Provincial Officers in No. America	17th Dec. 1760
	Extract of Letter from the Secretary of State to Major Genl. Amherst (regarding Fresh Provisions to the Troops)	17th Dec. 1760
	Clause from the Contract relative to Fresh Provisions Enclosed in the foregoing	
	Duplicate of Letter from the Earl of Egremont to Sir Jeffery Amherst (with the Preliminaries of Peace)	2 Dec. 1762
	Do. ... from Ditto ... to Ditto ... (Colony of Connecticutt Encroaching on the Indians)	27th Jany. 1763
	Copy of Letter from Do. to Govr. Fitch, regarding the Encroachments made by the People of Con=	

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-necticutt on the Indian Lands at Susquehan-
-na .... 27th Janry 1763

Extract; Sir Jeffery Amherst's Answer to Ld Egre-
-mont's of 27th Jany .... 15th Apr: 1763

Duplicate; Letter from the Earl of Egremont to
Sir Jeffery Amherst (Treaty of Peace, St Peter
& Miquelon, Newfoundland &ca) .... 12th Mar: 1763

Duplicate; Letter from Do to the Lt Governor
of Placentia (Enclosed in the foregoing) ... 12th Mar: 1763

Copy; Definitive Treaty of Peace (Enclosed al-
-so in the foregoing)

Duplicate; Letter from the Earl of Egremont
to Sir Jeffery Amherst (Southern Indians) .. 16th Mar: 1763

Copy; Letter from Ditto to the Southern Govrs
& Agent for Indian Affairs; for meeting
with the Indian Tribes & Explaining the
Treaty of Peace &ca .... 16th Mar: 1763

Extracts; Sir Jeffery Amherst's Answer to Ld
Egremont's Letters of 12th and 16th March ... 14th May 1763
& 23d July.

[92] Duplicate; Letter from the Earl of Egremont
to Sir Jeffery Amherst (Future Arrangements,
Florida, Louisianne &ca) .... 21st May 1763

Duplicate; Letters from the Earl of Egremont
to the Officers Commanding the Regiments
ordered to Florida and Louisianne; Direct-

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-ing them to Obey the Commander in Chief in No. America; &c.a .... 21st May 1763

Copy / Letter from the Earl of Egremont to Sir Jeffery Amherst regarding Captain Dalrymple Commandt. of Fort Johnston in North Carolina .... 21st May 1763

Copy / Petition of Capt. Dalrymple (Enclosed in the foregoing)

Duplicate / Letter from the Earl of Egremont to Sir Jeffery Amherst Leave of Absence as soon as the Plan for America is settled) 18th June 1763

Duplicate / Letter from Do. ... to Do. .. (Indeans: Governors: &c.a) .... 9th July 1763

Copy / Circular Letter from the Earl of Egremont to all the Governors in North America (Clandestine Trade)

Enclosed in the foregoing ...... 9th July 1763

Copy / Act regarding Illicit Trade ... Do. -

Do. ... Proclamation regarding Seizures. Do. -

Do. ... List of Ships of War to be stationed in No. America Do. -

Do. ... Additional Instructions to Commodore Graves, & Officers Commanding all the Ships of War in America .... Do. -

Extracts / Letter from the Earl of Egremont; for Leaving the Command with Major

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Genl. Gage; & Enclosing the following Papers.. 13th. Augst. 1763

Copy of Report of the Board of Trade regarding the New Governments &c. in North America.... 8th. June 1763

Do.... The Earl of Egremont's Answer to the Board of Trade .... 14th. July 1763

Extract of Letter from the Earl of Egremont to Govr. Murray (Priests in General to be watched; & the Missionary De Loutre in particular) 13th. Augst. 1763

Copy of Seperate Letter from Do.... to Do.... (Concerning Abbé La Corne Dean of Quebec) .... 13th. Augst. 1763

Do.... Letter from La Corne to the Earl of Egremont, Enclosing a Memorial .... 18th. May 1763

Do.... Memorial of the Abbe La Corne, Enclosed in the foregoing

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No. 2, Secretary at War; Judge Advocate; Treasury, Provision Contracts: [p. 3]

Duplicate/ Letter from the Secretary at War to Sir Jeffery Amherst .... 8th Jany. 1763

Do. .... List Promotions .... Enclosed in the foregoing)

Do. .... Letter from Do. ..... to Do. .... 22d. Jany. 1763

Do. .... Do. ... from Do. ..... to Do. .... 5 Feby. 1763

Do. .... Do. ... from Do. ..... to Do. .... 12 Do. —

Do. .... List Promotions .... (Enclosed in the foregoing)

Extract/ Letter from Do. ...... to Do. .... 15th. Feby. 1763

Duplicate/ Do. ... from Do. .... to Do. .... 18th. Do.

Do. .... Do. ... from Do. .... to Do. .... 16th. March 1763

Do. .... Do. ... from Do. .... to Do. .... 7th April 1763

Do. .... Do. ... from Do. .... to Do. .... 7th May 1763

Do. .... Do. ... from Do. .... to Do. .... 20th. May 1763

Do. .... Do. ... from Do. .... to Do. .... same Date

Do. .... Instructions for Disbanding & Reducing the Corps in North America —

Do. .... List of the Regiments Intended for the Service in North America —

Do. .... Warrant for Drafting the Regiments in No. America.

Do. .... List of the Officers of the 42d. Regt. according to Seniority.

Copy/ Letter from the Secretary of the Trea-

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-sury Board to the Secretary at War (Stoppages for Provisions) .... 10th May 1763

Duplicate/ Letter from the Secretary at War to Sir Jeffery Amherst (Promotions .... 20th May 1763

Do. ..... Do. from Do. to Do. (Capt. Johnston's Compy. 46th) 21st May 1763

Do. ..... Do. from Do. to Do. .... 6th June 1763

Extract/ Do. from Do. to Do. .... 16th Augst. 1763

Copy/ Letter from Govr. Dobbs to the Secy. at War }
Do. ... Affidavit of Michael Sisshoit ..... } Enclosed in the foregoing
Do. ... Memorial of Capt. Dalrymple }
Do. ... Memorial of Major Allan Maclean }

Warrant Authorizing the Commander in Chief to Appoint General Courts Martial &c. } Likewise Enclosed in the foregoing
Articles of War .... }

Extracts/ Letters from Sir Jeffery Amherst to the Secy. at War (In Answer to the foregoing) 26th Apl. 17th Sepr. & 13th Octr. 1763

List of Officers who are to have Leave to go to England when the Service will permit

[p. 4] N.B. The following Papers, necessary to shew what had been done in Consequence of the Secy. of States Orders relative to Capt. Dalrymple, &ca. and which Answers the foregoing Enclosures.-

Copy/ Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst to Govr. Dobbs .... 18th July 1763

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Do. ..... Governor Dobbs's Answer .... 23d. Sepr. 1763

Do. .... Affidavits, &c. (Enclosed in the foregoing)

Do. .... Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst to Lt. Colquhoun Directing him to settle the Accompts of Capt. McLean's Late N: York Indt. Compy. in Consequence of Major McLean's memorial transmitted from the Secretary at War .... 14th. Octr. 1763

Do. ... Letter from Mr. Gould D. Judge Advocate, to Sir Jeffery Amherst; (The Commander in Chief cannot Delegate the power given him by the King for Confirming & Putting in Execution the Sentences of General Courts Martial, when they Extend to Death) .... 11th. Augst. 1763

Do. .... Sir Jeffery's Answer .... 15th. Octr. 1763

Treasury

Extract of Letter from the Secretary of the Treasury to Sir Jeffery Amherst (Enclosing two Lists of Transports taken up by Govr. Murray at Quebec, in 1760, & Directing their Freight to be paid out of the Extraordy. on producing proper Vouchers) .... 24th. July 1761

Copys of the above mentioned Lists _ NB. The Vessels that have been paid by Sir

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Jeffery Amherst, are now particularly mark-ed in the said Lists

Copy of Letter from C. Jenkinson Esqr. Secy. to the Treasury to Sir Jeffery Amherst (Provision Contract, Stoppages &c.) .... 11th May 1763

Do. ... Sir Jeffery's Answer .... 23d July 1763

Do. ... Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst to C. Jenkinson Esqr. (Regarding the Provisions that may be Remaining at the Expir-ation of the Contract) .... 13th Octr. 1763

Do. ... Do. ... from Do. to Do. (Provisions for Florida & Louisianne) .... 13th Augst. 1763

[p.5] The following regarding the Contract for Provisions & being in part Referred to in the foregoing Letters come properly in here.

Copy of Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst to Messrs. De Lancey & Watts, Contractors Agents at N: York .... 21st July 1763

Do. ... Messrs. De Lancey & Watts their Answer .. 22d July 1763

Do. ... Sir Jeffery's Answer to the foregoing .... 23d Do. —

Do. .... Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst to Messrs. De Lancey & Watts (Provisions for Florida & Louisianne) .... 9th Augst. 1763

Do. ... Messrs. De Lancey & Watts their Answer .... 10th Do. —

Do. ... Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst to Messrs. De Lancey & Watts (Method proposed for

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Settling the Provisions at the Expira=
=tion of the Contract) .... 5th Octr. 1763

Do. ... Messrs. De Lancey & Watts their Answer... 15th Do. ..

Do. ... Sir Jeffery's Answer to the Foregoing.... 16th Do. –

Do. ... Minutes and Conditions for deliver=
=ing over to the Crown the Provisions
belonging to the Contractors, at the Ex=
=piration of the Contract, the 5th November 1763 –

Do. ... Sir Jeffery Amherst's Warrant to pro=
=per Persons for Inspecting the Provis=
=ions, remaining at the Expiration of
the Contract .... 17th Octr. 1763

Do. ... Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst to Messrs.
Plumsted and Franks, Contractors Agents
at Philadelphia (Reasons why he defers
Signing the New Contract for Provisions
at Fort Pitt &c.) .... 26th Jan: 1763

Do. ... Contract for Supplying the Troops at
Fort Pitt, & Communication, being the Old
one Signed by General Monckton, 17th
May 1760 –

Do. ... New Contract Intended to have been
Signed by Sir Jeffery Amherst

Do. ... Letter from Messrs. Plumsted & Franks to
Sir Jeffery Amherst (In Answer to Sir Jef=
=fery's of 26th January) .... 5th Feb: 1763

Do. ... Sir Jeffery's Answer to the foregoing.... 11th Do. –

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Ap. No. 3, Florida & Louisianne.–

Copys Sir Jeffery Amherst's Instructions to Lt. Colo. Robertson on his going with the Orders for the Arrangement of the Troops at Florida & Louisianne .... 24th. Augst.

---- Orders to the Officer Commanding in Florida & the Country Ceded by Spain on the Continent of North America... 23d. Augst.

---- Additional Orders to Ditto .... 24th. Do. –

---- Orders to the Officer Commanding at the Mobile & the Country Ceded by France on the Left of the Mississippi .... 23d. Augt.

---- Additional Orders to Do. .... 24th. Do. –

Orders to the Officers Commanding the Companys of the 9th. Regiment Ordered to the Islands of Providence & Bermudas 23d. Augst.

Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst to the Governors of Providence and Bermudas, to be delivered by the Above Officers... 23d. Augst.

---- from Ditto... to the Governor of New Orleans; Requesting his Assistance to Lt. Colo. Robertson, &c. .... 23d. Augst.

---- Orders to the Troops at Florida & Louisianne to Obey Lt. Colo. Robertson as their Commanding Officer, &c. .... 24th. Augst.

---- List of the Transports under the Direc-

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-tion of Lt. Col. Robertson, as Delivered to him, with his Instructions .... 24th Augst.

Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst to Lt. Col. Robertson; Enclosing an Order on Mr. Mortier for £1000 Sterling for the Extra-ordinary Expences that may be Incurred at Florida & Louisianne .... 24th Augst.

Some Account of the Country & Posts on the Mississippi, as far up as the Limits of Canada, as given by a Frenchman, & Delivered to Lt. Col. Robertson with his Instructions .... 24th Augt.

Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst to the Commanding Officer at Pensacola (more Provisions sent thither) .... 15th Sepr.

Orders to the Master of the King George Transport for proceeding with Cargo of Provisions, to Pensacola &c. .... 15th Sepr.

Copy Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst to Lt. Col. Robertson (the Method to be Observed in making the Stoppages for Provisions at Florida and Louisianne .... 1763 22d. Sepr.

Ditto .. from Ditto ... to Ditto (with the Last Cargo of Provisions Intended to be Sent) .. 24th Sepr.

Orders to the Master of the Brig Kitty, for proceeding with a Cargo of Provisions to Pensacola .... 24th Sepr.

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Bill of Lading of the above Cargo; with the Agreement for the Freight &c. .... 24th. Sepr.

Return of the Whole of the Provisions Shipt from N. York to Florida & Louisianne .... 24th. Sepr.

Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst to Lt. Col. Robertson (to stop Supplys from getting up the Mississippi to the Western Indians) 25th. Sepr.

.... from Do. ... to the Commanding Officers in Florida & Louisianne (for Lowering the Stoppage for Provisions to 2½d: and Revokes the Power for Confirming Sentences of General Courts Martial when they extend to Death) .... 11th. Octr.

Letter from Lt. Col. Robertson (from St. Augustine) to Sir Jeffery Amherst (of his Arrival & proceedings there) ...... 26th. Sepr.

Return of the Number of Rooms in the Fort at St. Augustine

(Enclosed in the foregoing)

Return of Provisions found in Store at St. Augustine (Enclosed also in the foregoing)

Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst to Lt. Col. Robertson (In Answer to the Lt. Colonel's of the 26th Septr.) .... 14th. Octr.

.... from Ditto ... to the Commanding Officer at St. Augustine (for Forwarding

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No. 3 Continued.

the Letter to Lt. Col. Robertson) .... 14th Octr.

Orders to the Master of the Sloop Two Friends, for Proceeding with the Above Dispatches &c. to St. Augustine, &c. .... 14th Octr.

Agreement for the Hire of the Above Sloop ... 12th Octr.

Letter from Lt. Colonel Prevost to Sir Jeffery Amherst (Acquaints Sir Jeffery of his Arrival at Pensacola, in Consequence of Orders from General Keppel, with the 3d. Battn. 60th and of his Proceedings there) .. 31st Augt.

Copys Return of Provisions Landed from the Transports from the Havanna at Pensacola for the Use of 3d. Battn. 60th (Enclosed in the foregoing) .... 1763. 13th Augt.

Return of the 3d. Battn. 60th Regt. (Likewise Enclosed in the foregoing) .... 24th Augt.

Plan of the Fort at Pensacola (Enclosed with Col. Prevost's Letter)

Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst to the Officer Commanding at St. Augustine (with Artillery &c.) .... 3d. Novr.

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[99] No. 4 .... Detroit, &c.

Duplicate / Letter from Major Gladwin to Sir Jeffery Amherst / First Attempt of the Indians) .... 14th. May 1763

Copy / Sir Jeffery's Answer .... 22d. June

Do. .... Sir Jeffery Amherst's Instructions to Major Gladwin; for Reducing the Indians on the Upper Lakes .... 2d. July

Do. ... Letter from Ditto to Ditto Regarding the Operations to be Carried on against the Savages on Lake Erie, &c. .... 28th. Augst.

Duplicate / Letter from Major Gladwin to Sir Jeffery Amherst .... 28th. May

Do. .... Ditto from Ditto .... to Do. ..... 8th. July

Do. .... Ditto from Ditto ..... to Do. .... 26th. July

Do. .... Ditto from Ditto ...... to Do. ..... 8th. Augst.

Do. .... Ditto from Ditto ..... to Do. .... 11th. Augst.

Copy / Sir Jeffery Amherst's Answer to the foregoing Letters, with Orders for the Arrangement of the Troops at the Detroit &c. 9th. Sepr.

Do. ... Sir Jeffery Amherst's Orders for Disbanding the 80th. Regt. when the Service will permit (Enclosed in the foregoing) .... 9th. Sepr.

Do. .... Ditto's .. Orders for Disbanding & Drafting Hopkins's Company Immediately .... 9th. Sepr.

Do. .... Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst to

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Captain Hopkins, to send proper Abstracts of the Subsistence due to his Company of Rangers. .... 9th Sepr.

Do. .. Intended Disposition of the Troops on Lake Erie &c.

Do. ... General Return of the Troops at the Detroit, Presqu' Isle & Niagara, & of those that are ordered thither.

N.B: All the above Enclosed to Major Gladwin, with the Orders of the 9th Sepr. .....

Do. ... Letter from Major Gladwin to Sir Jeffery Amherst (Gallant defence of the Crew of the Schooner when Attacked) ... 9th Sepr.

Do. ... Sir Jeffery Amherst's Answer .... 6th Octr.

Do. ... Letter from Major Gladwin to Sir Jeffery Amherst: All Attempts of the Indians Baffled: & Enclosing several Papers Containing strong suspicions of the French Inhabitants being deeply Concerned in the present Mischief .... 7th Octr.

Copy / Proceedings of a Court of Enquiry held at the Detroit, the 9th Augst. 1763 ...

Do. .... Do. ..... of Do. held at Do. ... 8th Sepr. 1763 -

Do. .... Do. ...... of Do. held at Do. ... 4th Octr. 1763 -

Copy / Letter from the Inhabitants of the Detroit to the Commandants at the Illinois [p. 12]

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D°.... Talk sent from the Ottawas, &c. with the above Letter to the Commandants at the Illinois.—

NB. All the above Enclosed with Major Gladwin's Letter of the 7th October 1763—

Copy/.	Sir Jeffery Amherst's Orders to Major of Brigade Moncrieffe for proceeding to Niagara & the Detroit; with Directions for the Arrangement of the Troops in those Districts	1763 9th Septr.
D°....	Letter from D°.. to D°. Regarding the Return of the Troops from the Détroit, & of the Intended Operations in the Spring	29th Octr.
D°...	Sir Jeffery Amherst's Orders to Major Wilkins; for Re Establishing the Post at Presqu' Isle, & putting himself under the Command of Major Gladwin	3d. Sepr.
D°....	Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst to Major Wilkins, (the Re Establishing the Post at Presqu' Isle Impracticable at present)	6th Octr.
Extract/.	D°.. from D°... to D°.. to Come down the Country with the Officers & men of the 1st. Battn. 60th.	29th Octr.

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No. 5. **Fort Pitt, &c.**

Copy/. Sir Jeffery Amherst's Orders to Colonel Bouquet; for the Reduction, &c. of the Corps in the Southern District .... 1763 7th Augst.

Do..... Do.... Do.... to Do.... (Three Companys of the 1st Battn. 60th to be sent to Carolina to Replace the Independts. The Allowance of Provisions to be Continued to the Troops at Fort Pitt, &c.) .... 7th Sepr.

Do.... Orders to the Officer Commanding the Three Companys of the 1st Battn. 60th Regimt. Ordered to South Carolina .... same Date

Extract/. Colonel Bouquet's answer, Enclosing Returns of the Detachment ordered to South Carolina, &c. .... 30th Sepr.

Copy/. Returns of the Detachment &c. (Enclosed in the foregoing)

Do.... Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst to Col. Bouquet (Fixing the Winter Quarters of the 42d. Regiment). .... 10th Octr.

Do.... Letter from Do.... to Do.... (The Money Lost at Fort Pitt in 1761 to be Replaced out of the Extraordinarys on procuring proper Certificates on Oath) .... 14th Octr.

Do.... Certificates concerning Subsistence Money Stolen at Fort Pitt in 1761 (The Original Enclosed in the foregoing)

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Niagara, &c. &c. &c. —

Copy of Sir Jeffery Amherst's Orders to Lt. Colo. Browning Or Officer Commanding at Niagara, for the Formation of the 46th Regimt. according to the New Establishment, &c 1763 9th Sepr.

Do. ... Ditto's — Orders to Lt. Colo. Campbell, or Officer Commanding the 17th Regt. for Forming the said Regimts. according to the New Establishment .... 15th Octr.

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No 7. Nova Scotia...

Copy of Sir Jeffery Amherst's Orders to Col. Forster, for Forming the 40th Regt according to the New Establishment, & for Delivering up the Command of the Military Department in Nova Scotia to the Commanding Officer of that Regiment, &c. .... 3d Augst

Do... Do... Orders to Major Hamilton, or Officer Commanding the 40th Regt for proceeding with said Regt to Halifax .... same Date

Duplicate of Colonel Forster's Answer (preparing to put Sir Jeffery's Orders in Execution) 24th Augst

Do... Letter from Do to Sir Jeffery Amherst (the Soldiers Refuse to Submit to the Stoppages for Provisions .... 5th Sepr

Do.... Proceedings of a Council of War held at Chebuctou 3d Augst 1749	Enclosed in the foregoing
Do... Do... held at Halifax 1st Septr 1752	
Do.. Do... held at Do 3d Sepr 1763	

Copy of Sir Jeffery Amherst's Answer (Disapproves of the Behaviour of the Troops on Ordering the Stoppages to be made for Provisions) .... 2d Octr

Do... Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst to Col.

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Forster (Orders for Lessening the Stoppage for Provisions to 2½, to which the Troops must Submit)

Do.... Letter from Do. to Do. (for Sending Drafts to Louisbourg for the 45th. Regimt.) .... 15th. Sepr.

Do.... Colonel Forster's Answer (That the Drafts should be sent to Louisbourg, &c.) .... 8th. Octr.

Do.... Letter from Col. Forster to Sir Jeffery Amherst (the Out Garrisons Relieved, & the Remains of the Royal & 77th ready to proceed to England) .... 15th. Octr.

Copy / Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst to Lt. Beardsley (for Putting a Stop to the Works at Halifax till further Orders) ... 3d. Augst. 1763

Duplicate; Lieut. Beardsleys Answer .... 7th. Sepr.

Copy / List of Persons necessary to be kept in Pay in the Engineers Department at Halifax (Enclosed in the foregoing) .....

Copy / Sir Jefferys Answer to Lieut. Beardsleys of 7th Sepr. .... 16th. Octr.

Do.... Letter from Engineers Beardsley, Marr, & Des Barres to Sir Jeffery Amherst (Requesting an Allowance for Quarters) ...... 30th. Sepr.

Do.... Memorial from the Above Gentlemen to Col. Forster (Enclosed in the foregoing)

Do.... Letter from Lt. Beardsley to Sir Jeffery

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Amherst (Regarding the Engineers Branch at Halifax) .... 4th Octr

D° .. Report of the Damage done to the Barges belonging to the Engineers at Halifax, by a Storm (Enclosed in the foregoing)

D° ... Sir Jeffery Amherst's Answer to the two foregoing Letters .... 30th Octr

Copy of Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst to Mr Scott Paymr of the Fortification Works at Halifax (Regarding his Accompts) .... 30th June

D° ... Letter from D° ... to D° .... 15th Sepr

D° ... Letter from Mr Scott to Sir Jeffery Amherst, 1st Sepr

D° .. Letter from D° .. to D° .. (Lands at Fort Sackville) 9th Sepr

D° ... Letters &c. regarding Scott's Lands at Fort Sackville } Enclosed in the foregoing

D° ... Mr Nesbitt's Certificate regarding D° .... } Enclosed in the foregoing

D° ... Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst to Mr Scott (for Settling his Accompts without Delay). 16th Octr

Copy of Abstract of Mr Scott's Accompt for the Year 1762, which may Serve as a Form for the One that ought to be Annexed to the Warrant when his Accompts are Closed ..

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Cape Breton. _

Copy of Sir Jeffery Amherst's Orders to Lt Colo Tulleken, for Forming the 45th Regimt according to the New Establishment, &c.	1763 21st July
Duplicate of Letter from Lt Colo Tulleken to Sr Jeffery Amherst	12th Sepr
Do ... Do ... from Do ... to Do	13th Sepr
Do ... Do ... from Do ... to Do	19th Sepr
Copy of Sir Jeffery Amherst's answer to the three foregoing	11th Octr
Do ... Letter from Do to Lt Colo Tulleken (By the Cornwallis Sloop Loaded with Provisions for Louisbourg)	16th Octr
Do ... Orders to the Master of the Sloop Cornwallis, for Proceeding with a Cargo of Provisions to Louisbourg)	16th Octr
Do ... Agreement for the Hire of the Above Sloop	15th Octr

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No. 9 Newfoundland. —

Copy of Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst to Capt. Gauly (on a Complaint made by Gov. Graves &c) .... 4th May

Duplicate of Letter from Capt: Gauly to Sir Jeffery Amherst (Answer to the Complaint made by Gov. Graves) .... 23d. June

Copy of Sir Jeffery Amherst's Answer to Capt: Gauly .... 15th. Sepr.

Do... Letter from Do. to Capt: Gauly (Enclosing Remarks on the Accompts of his Disbursements, &c) .... 13th. July

Do. ... The Abovementioned Remarks, with Directions how to make out the Accompts

Duplicate of Letter from Capt. Gauly to Sir Jeffery Amherst .... 17th Augt.

Copy of Letter from Do... to Do. (Enclosing the Abstract of his Disbursements; but the Vouchers for the two last Months, still Wanting, altho' he says they are all sent) 9th Sepr.

Abstract & Vouchers for Capt. Gauly's Disbursements at Newfoundland [NB. Before a Warrant can be Granted, the Vouchers for the Months of July & Augt. 1763, must be Received]

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No 11 John Stuart Esqr. Indian Agent for the Southern District 4.3

(Correspondence complete from his appointment)

Copy	Letter from Mr. Stuart to Sir Jeffery Amherst (of his being appointed Agent in the Southern District, & Enclosing Copy of his Commission, &c.)	1763. 25th. Febr.
Do.	Copy of Mr. Stuarts Commission as Agent to the Southern Indians...	
Do.	Power of Attorney to Mr. Lawrence Reade to Receive Mr. Stuart's Salary.	–
Do.	Sir Jeffery Amherst's Answer to Mr. Stuart	18th. Mar:
Do.	Letter from Mr. Stuart to Sir Jeffery Amherst	15th. Do.
Do.	Sir Jeffery's Answer	16th. Apr:
Do.	Letter from Mr. Stuart to Sir Jeffery Amherst	31st. May
Do.	Sir Jeffery's Answer	15th. June
Do.	Letter from Mr. Stuart to Sir Jeffery Amherst	2d. June
Do.	Sir Jeffery's Answer	17th. June
Do.	Letter from Mr. Stuart to Sir Jeffery Amherst	30th. July
Do.	Sir Jeffery's Answer	17th. Augst.
Do.	Letter from Mr. Stuart to Sir Jeffery Amherst	14th. Octr.
Do.	Letter from the Cherokee Headmen to Mr. Stuart	Enclosed in the foregoing
Do.	Do. from Do. to Do.	Enclosed in the foregoing
Do.	Speech of the Headmen of the Lower Creeks to Do.	Enclosed in the foregoing
Do.	Talk of the Little Carpenter	Enclosed in the foregoing
Do.	Letter from Mr. Stuart to Sir Jeffery Amherst	6th. Octr.

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[p.17] N°10. Sir William Johnson, Indian Agent for the Northern District.

Copy of Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst to Sir William Johnson (Transcribing a Paragraph of a Letter from Lord Egremont, Relative to the Indians and Sir William's Department) .... 1763 9th Sepr.

D°... Letter from Sir William Johnson to Sir Jeffery Amherst (Enclosing Extracts of his Conferences with the Indians).... 14th & 16th Sepr.

D°... Extracts of the Proceedings at the above Conferences (Enclosed in the foregoing)

D°... Sir Jeffery Amherst's Answer to Sir William Johnson's Letter of 14th & 16th Sepr. 30th Sepr.

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No. 12

Governors, &c.

Copy, Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst to Govr. Boone of So: Carolina (To Order Mr. Stuart to Provide Provisions for the Indians at the intended meeting, &c.) .... 5th. June 1763

Do... Governor Boones Answer .... 29th. July

Do... Sir Jefferys Answer to Govr. Boone ..... 17th. Augst.

Do... Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst to Govr. Boone (Three Companys of the 1st. Battn. 60th Regt. to Replace the South Carolina Indts. who are to be disbanded) .... 7th. Sepr.

Do... Orders to the Officer Commanding the men Late of the South Carolina Independts. Ordered to Pensacola &c. to be Drafted into the Corps there .... 7th Sepr.

Copy. Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst to Lt. Governor Fauquier of Virginia (Requisition of 500 men for the Service of the Ensuing Spring, to be Employed in Reducing & Punishing the Delawares and Shawnese) .... 5th. Novr.

Do.... Private Letter from Do... to Do... [In Raising the men that may be Voted by Virginia, to have them Ready for Escorting Provisions by the Way of Fort Cumberland] .... same date.

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Dº... Letter from Colonel Stephen, of the Virginia Volunteers to Sir Jeffery Amherst, from Winchester on the Communication to Fort Pitt... 12th. Octr.

Dº... Sir Jeffery Amherst's Answer........... 27th. Octr.

Copy/. Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst to Govr. Hamilton of Pensylvania (Requisition of 1000 Men for the Service of the Ensuing Spring in Reducing & Punishing the Delawares & Shawnese.)..................... 5th. Novr.

Dº.... Letter from Mr. Penn to Sir Jeffery Amherst (of his Arrival at, & appointment to, the Government of Pensylvania)..... 3d. Novr.

Copy/. Sir Jeffery's Answer: Encloses the above Letter addressed to Govr. Hamilton; & Trusts Mr. Penn's Influence will have a proper Effect in bringing the Assembly to a Compliance with his Requisition)........... 5th Novr. [p. 2]

Copy/. Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst to Govr. Franklin of New Jersey (Requisition of 600 men for the Service of the Ensuing Spring, to be Employed against the Indians on Lake Erie, &c.)......................... 30th. Octr.

Dº. Governor Franklins Answer............ 1st. Novr.

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Do...Sir Jeffery's Answer to Govr. Franklin..... 16th. Novr.

Copy of Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst to Lt. Govr. Colden of New York [The necessity of putting the Militia on a proper Footing, &c.]..27th. Octr.

Do. Lieut. Govr. Colden's Answer............ same Date

Do... Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst to Lt. Govr. Colden (Requisition of 1400 men, for the Service of the Ensuing Spring, to be Employed against the Indians on Lake Erie, &c.)........................ 30th. Octr.

Do.... Lt. Govr. Colden's Answer............ 3d. Novr.

Do....Sir Jeffery's Answer to Lt. Govr. Colden... same Date.

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No. 13. Miscellaneous Papers... Disposition of Troops: Accompts; &c. [p. 21]

Copy/. Disposition of his Majesty's Forces in North America, as Transmitted to the Secretary of State, the 13th Augst 1763. –

Do... Disposition of the Battalion of Royal Artillery in North America. –

Do... State of Mr Commissary Leake's Disbursements, in the Years 1759, 1760, 1761, 1762, 1763. –

Do.... Sundry Calculations of Provisions for Serving the Troops at Niagara, Detroit &c. –

Do... Abstract of the Hospital Accompts from 25th Decr 1762, to 24th Septr 1763. –

Do... Abstract Annexed to the Warrant for Disbursements made by Thomas Hancock Esqr at Boston, for Publick Services in 1762 to Serve as a Form in Granting the next Warrant. –

...... List of Sums paid by Mr Mortier by Virtue of Sir Jeffery Amhersts Orders, and which are to be Deducted, when proper Warrants come to be Granted for the Services for which those Sums were Advanced; & then Mr Mortier is to Return the Original Orders, that they may be Cancelled.

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NB: Some Memorandums are Added to this, regarding Sir William Johnson's Department, Capt: Loring &c.

Do.... List of Vessels that have been Employed in Carrying Provisions from Quebec, up the River St Lawrence; for the Hire of which Sir Jeffery Amherst has Granted Warrants, agreable to Govr. Murray's Certificates. —

Do.... Papers Regarding a Parcel of Shoes furnished to the Troops in 1760, by Mr. Kilby, & never yet Settled

Commission, for Major Wilkins, with Extracts of Letters between Major Munster & Major Wilkins; and Likewise the Formers Resignation, & Terms on which he is willing to Resign in Favor of Major Wilkins. —

The Commission to be Delivered only in Case Major Wilkins fulfills the Terms mentioned in Maj: Munster's Letters to Sir Jeffery Amherst.

Copy of Sir Jeffery Amherst's Warrant for the Amount of a Quantity of Camp Equipage purchased by Major Hamilton, by Order of Lord Albemarle; and now Lodged in Hayman Levy's Stores at New York

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to be Ready when called for .... 30th Sepr. 1763

Copy of Sir Jeffery Amherst's Warrant for the Amount of the Bills Drawn on Mr. Mortier by Govr. Wright of Georgia for the Pay of two Companys of Rangers in that Colony 12th. Novr.

N°. 14 .... Letters for General Gage to Answer, &c. ..

Letter from Colonel Bouquet to Sir Jeffery Amherst .... 24th. Octr.

D°. ... from D°. .... to D°. .... 27th. D°.

D°. ... from Captain Hopkins to D°. with the Abstracts of his Company (N.B: The Mus=ter from 25th. Decr. 1762 to 23d. February 1763 has been already paid; and for an Ans=swer to the Rest, General Gage will be pleased to Turn to N°. [illegible] of this Schedule, where he will find Sir Jeffery Amherst's Orders to Capt. Hopkins ... 4th. Octr.

Letter from Capt. Rogers to Sir Jeffery Am=herst. .... 7th. Octr.

D°. ... from Col. Bradstreet to Sir Jeffery Amherst with two Enclosures. .... 2d. Novr.

D°. ... from D°. .... to D°. .... 9th. Novr.

Extract of Sir Jeffery's Answer (for Genl. Gage's Information) 13th. Novr.

D°. ... Letter from Mr. Hancock at Boston to Sir Jeff. Amherst.. 1st. Novr.

Copy of Sir Jeffery's Answer .... 13th. Novr.

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Copy 1.

New York 17th Novemr. 1763.

Sir

Having Obtained His Majestys Gracious Per=
=mission to Return to England, with Orders to Leave
the Command of the Troops in this Country with
Major General Gage; I am to Desire You will Corres=
=pond with him in the Same manner as you have
Done with me, Acquainting him, from time to time
of Every thing Remarkable that may happen in Your
Department, that he may be Enabled to give such
Orders regarding the King's Service under your Di=
=rection, as may appear most Necessary & Requisite.

I Cannot take my Leave of you without
Assuring you that if I can be of any Service
to you in England, you may freely Command me,
as I shall always be glad of giving you proofs
of the Sincere Esteem & Regard, with which

I am,

Sir

Sir Wm Johnson Bart.
Northern Agent
Johnson Hall.

Endorsed To Sir William Johnson, Bart.| Johnson Hall | New York, 17th
Novr. 1763.

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New York, 17th Novemr. 1763.

Sir

Having Obtained His Majesty's Gracious Permission to Return to England with Orders to Leave the Command of the Troops in this Country with Major General Gage; I Cannot Take my Leave of You, without Thanking You for the Readiness You have Shewn, upon Every Occasion, in Forwarding & Promoting the King's Service, during my Command: And I am Sure I Need not Recommend a Continuance thereof to my Successor, who will be glad to Correspond and Co-Operate with You in Every thing that can Tend to the Good of the Service or Country, and that may Lay in his power to promote.

I am, with great Regard,

Sir,

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

Endorsed Circular/ To the Governors of/ South Carolina/ Virginia/ New Jersey/ New York/ Connecticutt/ Rhode Island/ Massachusetts Bay/ & Newhampshire/ (on Sir Jeffery Amhersts delivering/ up the Command to M. Genl. Gage.) New York 17th Novr. 1763.

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New York. 17th Novemr. 1763

Sir

Having Obtained His Majesty's Gracious Per=
=mission to Return to England, with Orders to Leave the Command of the Troops in this Country with Major General Gage, I am to desire You will Corres=
=pond with him in the Same Manner as you have done with me, Acquaintg. him from time to time, of Every thing Remarkable that may happen in Your Department, that he may be Enabled to give such Orders regarding the King's Service under your Direction as may appear most Necessary & Requisite.

I am

Sir

Your Most Obedient Servt.

John Stuart Esqr.
Agent for the Southern District

Endorsed To John Stuart Esqr.| Agent for Indian Affairs in the | Southern District | Charles Town| New York, 17th Novemr. 1763.

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Memorandums

For Major General Gage.

As Major Munster gave in his Resignation, I Leave a Commission for Major Wilkins, in Case he may Chuse to Purchase it; tho' he has Refused, I Imagine he may Change his Mind, & I shall Report this to the Secretary at War; The Terms are left with the Commission which must be Complyed with, before the Commission is Delivered: If Major Wilkins Declines the Purchase, General Gage will be so good to Cancel the Commission; In Either Case he will Report it to the Secretary at War. _

Lt Colonel Eyre will Represent Every thing in the Engineers Department: Mr Hawkins had the Payment of the Money for that Branch; As he is Dead, & Mr Foreman Succeeds him, he Seems to be the properest Person for Carrying on that, for the present. _

When Captain Pryce goes away, a Storekeeper will be Necessary to keep such Barrels, &ca as may hereafter be Wanted; the Other Stores might be sold: & Perhaps it may be Judged best to dispose of the Whole, which will save the Expence of a Storekeeper. _

Lieut: Benzell is Acting as Assistant Engineer, & a very proper Person for Carrying on the Works at Crown Point; but when he is not Necess-

-ary there he should Proceed to Europe to Joyn his Regiment.

Sir John St. Clair has Desired to go to England; to be Back if wanted; he has my Leave, provided General Gage Approves of it, & Grants him his.—

Sir John likewise Desires Captain St. Clair of the 45th may have Leave to go to England, on very pressing Business, whenever the Service will Permit. Captain Rogers, who is Serving with Major Gladwin must have his Half pay, made up full pay so long as he is kept on that Service.

Mr. Martin Seymour is particularly mentioned to be put Ensign in some Corps that Remains here: There has been no Vacancy, or I should have done it.

The Invalids of the 45th & 77th Regimt. Should come from Albany, to go home in the Transports, with the Officers of those Corps.

Three Men of the Royal who were Left, & are now here, to go in the Above Transports.

I Intended to have Appointed Barrack Masters, in the same Manner as I Did One for Crown Point and Ticonderoga: One will be Necessary for Fort George, Fort Edward & Communication to Albany: One from Oswego to Fort Stanwix, Inclusively, with the Intervenient Posts:—One for Niagara & Presqu' Isle, and One for the Detroit & Posts Depending: If these are

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taken from good Old Serjeants, and Allowed Half a Crown Sterling ℘ Diem, it will be good Provision for them, and a very Necessary Service, and a Saving to the Crown. Serjeant Albey of the 46th is Deserving, & would, I think, make a good Barrack Master, as he is particularly Recommended.—

Corporal Glassford who has Wrote for the Dep: Adjt. General, will be of Service to General Gage, in Making out the Returns, as he is thoroughly Acquainted with it. He will be Deserving hereafter of a Barrack Master's place; At present he has Received a Shilling Sterlg ℘ Diem.

The Hospital has a Large Supply of Stores of all Kinds; particularly a Large Quantity of Bedding, that will be best in Supplying the Posts with what they will Want.—

Serjeant Willis of the 15th Acts under Lt Colonel Robertson: he will get Sloops, or Do any thing that may be Wanted in that Department 'till Lt Col. Robertson Returns. Cloathing is Just Come, in the Beulah, for the 45th Regt. which General Gage will Send as he finds a proper Opportunity

Cloathing is here for the 3d & 4th Batts of the Royal American Regt. The Remains of the 3d will be here, and they May Dispose of their Cloathing

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to the Men as Due to them.— As those of the 4th will have Received Pay in Lieu of theirs, it will Answer to Let the 55th have the Cloathing; the Commanding Officer Giving Receipts for it: The Colonels in England may then Settle that Affair—

Cloathing is also here, for the Late N. York Independant Companys. Serjeant Willis has the Account of it.—

Lt. Grant of the 77th who has the Care of the Vessells on Lake Champlain, as he is Usefull there, and that the Regt. is to be Reduced, may be Continued as long as Judged Necessary; Or if Captain Loring thinks his Services Wanted on Lake Erie, he might proceed thither, in the Spring; Unless Lieut: Sinclair of the 15th who now Commands One of the Platoons, & is an Active good Seaman, Should Chuse to take the Charge of that Department, when Captain Loring is Absent: In that Case Lieut: Grant might Remain at Lake Champlain: This will be best Determined on the Arrival of Capt: Loring.— Major of Brigade Moncrieffe had my Orders to Send home all the Provincials from Niagara, Oswego, &ca on his Return from the Detroit...

Lieut. Collonel Tulleken has long Sollicited to go to England, & Should be permitted, when the Service will Allow of it.—

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Capt. Legge of the 46th & Capt. Grant of the 40th have al=
=so Sollicited to have Leave. - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

In a Memorial Received from the Secretary at War
Presented to him by Major McLean, regarding Lieut:
Colquhoun's not having Settled the Accompts of Capt.
McLean's Late New York Indt. Company, the Whole
have been Laid before Lt. Colonel Reid, &ca. for Exam=
=ination, and a Report will be made to Major Gen=
=eral Gage, that he may Do therein what he may
think Proper.

Endorsed. Copy, Memorandums/ for Major Gener=
=al Gage/ from Sir Jeffery Amherst./ 17th. Novr. 1763.

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Copy 1.

New York, 17th Novemr: 1763.

Sir,

The Secretary of State having Acquainted me that the King has been Graciously Pleased to Grant my Request to Return to Europe, I cannot so properly Express the King's Pleasure, as by Inserting the following Extract from the Secretary of State's Letter, Dated the 13th August 1763. —

"With Regard to your Command in North "America, I am to Inform You, that His Majesty Does "not Judge proper to Determine your Commissions at "present, but Chuses that the Powers, with which they "Invest You, should be Exercised by Major General "Gage, on whom as being the Next Officer to You, they, "of Course, Devolve in your Absence, & particularly "those Contained in your Commission under the "Great Seal, by a Clause Inserted for this very pur-"pose, in Case You should, by Death, or in any other "manner be Disabled from Exercising the said Com-"mand; You will therefore Leave your Command "in the Hands of Major General Gage, to whom "You will give such Orders & Instructions, as from "the Situation of things, at the time You Embark, "You shall Judge most Expedient for the good of the "King's Service: And You will also Furnish General

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"Gaze with Every Light, & Deliver to him Every Paper which "shall be Necessary for his thorough Information & Di- "rection, in the Conduct of the very Extensive & Impor- "-tant Command that will Devolve upon him."

In Obedience to the foregoing Directions I am now to Deliver up to You the Command of His Majesty's Troops in North America; And to Enable You to Exercise that Command, agreably to the King's Intentions, I leave you Copys of my Com- -missions, with Every Other Paper that I Judge can be of any Service to You, in being thoroughly In- -formed of the Circumstances & Situation of Affairs in the Extensive Command which now Devolves upon You; and that You may the More Readily & Eas- -ily have Recourse to those Papers, they are all Ranged in Order, with a particular Schedule of the Whole, which you will likewise Receive here- -with.

Before I Speak of the Insurrection of the In- -dians, & the Measures to be pursued for Reducing & Punishing them, I shall just give you a General Idea of the Disposition of the Troops, according to the Enclosed List, which you will find by the Sche- -dule in No. 13.

The Companys of the 45th Regiment, which Garrison St. John's, the Isle of Buoys, & Placentia in

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Newfoundland; Cape Breton, & St. John's Island, are En=
=tirely Fixed, so that no Alteration will take Place there:
The Same is to be Observed of the 40th Regiment in Nova
Scotia: The only Alteration that will happen in the
Troops in Canada, is, that hereafter, the Companys of
the 44th at Present at Fort William Augustus & Oswega=
-tchie, will be Relieved by three Companys of the 46th
from Niagara: That Regiment will likewise furnish
a Compleat Company to Garrison Presqu' Isle, when
a Post can be Re Established there; The other Five
Companys to Garrison Niagara, & Dependent Posts.

It was my Intention that the 42d Regiment
should have Garrisoned the Detroit, & Posts above,
but as it has been found Impracticable for that
Regiment to Advance from Fort Pitt, by the Route
of Presqu' Isle, this Season; I have Empowered Ma=
=jor Gladwin to keep up the 80th Regiment on such
an Event: You will be fully Informed of Every
thing regarding this matter, by Looking into my
Correspondence with Major Gladwin, Marked in the
Schedule No. 4.—

Six Companys of the 1st Battalion 60th Regi=
=ment are to Continue at Fort Pitt: the Other three
Companys being Detached to Replace the South Caro=
=lina Independents, which are to be Disbanded: And
the 42d are to be Quartered during the Winter on the

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Communication between Fort Pitt & Philadelphia. This Regiment to be Compleated by Drafts from the Com-panys of the 77th the Remains of which, with the Officers, are to be Sent to Britain, as hereafter mentioned

The 17th Regiment (had not the present Insurrec-tion of the Indians Obliged me to Detain the 55th Which otherwise I should have sent to Ireland) was to be Divided as follows Vizt.

4 Companys at Fort Ontario & Oswego Falls
1 Do. Divided between the Posts at the East & West End Oneida Lake
2 Do. .... at Fort Stanwix
1 Do. .... at Fort Edward.
1 Do. .... at Fort George

But as I have acquainted the Secretary at War of the Necessity of Detaining the 55th Regiment for some time Longer, which I hope will meet with His Majesty's Approbation, the Companys of that Regi-ment now at Fort Edward, & Fort George, may Remain there, untill the Service will permit the Regiment to be Sent to Europe. And the 17th & 55th Remain as at present Quartered.

The Particular Disposition of the Troops in Flori-da & Louisianne will be best Known from the Re-ports you will Receive from Lt. Colonel Robertson: In the meantime, a perusal of the Papers Marked No. 3 will Inform you of the Instructions he has Receiv-

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=ed, & of Every thing regarding those Countrys so far as Depends upon me: And I don't See any thing further can be Done untill his Report is Received.

The Companys of the Battalion of the Royal Artillery are all Compleated & Stationed, according to the List herewith (No. 13): The Supernumerarys Re=maining at Oswego, & the Posts above, were Intended to have been Sent to Compleat the Companys in Florida & Louisianne, but as it is now Imagined that those Companys will Come out Compleat from Eng=land, the Supernumerarys may be Sent to Europe, as well the Detachments that are at Present in Flori=da and Louisianne, when Relieved by the Companys from England.—

Altho' by the Disposition I Intended to make of the Troops, the Small Posts were to be Abandon=ed, Excepting those that are particularly mention=ed in the List, I purposed to keep One Man in Each Post, to preserve the Property for the King, & to Grant the Buildings & Land belonging thereto, to Such pro=per Persons as would be glad to have them on Con=dition of Returning them, should the Crown here=after Demand them, And that the Service might Re=quire to Re Occupy them.— This I thought the best method, unless there were more Troops allotted to this Country; for at present it would be Impossible to

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Garrison all the small Posts, & at the Same time, have a due Attention to the Principal Forts.—

I shall now lay before you the Measures propos-ed for Crushing the Indian Insurrection & Punishing those Tribes who have so Ungratefully Attacked their Benefactors.—

Finding that it would be Impossible to Doany more this Season than what has been already Ordered, I came to a Resolution of making Application to the Provinces most Nearly Concerned, to Raise Certain Quotas of Men Early in the Spring, to be Employ-ed in Conjunction with such of the Regular Troops as can be Spared in Carrying on Offensive Opera-tions against the Savages, and Punishing them so Effectually that they may be Convinced of the folly & Madness of Engaging in a War with Us, & that the Country hereafter may Enjoy a perfect Tranquility.—

You will See by the Copys of my Letters to the Governors of New Jersey New York, (No. 12) that I have Demanded 600 men from the former; & 1400 from the latter, which make 2000 men, Exclusive of Officers: This Corps I Intended for the Operations, by Niagara, &ca. to be joyned by such of the Regular Troops from that Communication as can be Spar-ed; And as the 42d. Regiment may proceed, as was first

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Intended, for Garrisoning the Detroit & Dependent Posts, it must hereafter be Decided whether it will be better to bring them this way, as they can much Easier Advance by Oswego, &ca. than by the way of Fort Pitt & Presqu' Isle, or that from the Circumstances on the Pittsburgh Communication it may be necessary to push them on that way: They will Either way Strengthen the Corps, & be able to Act in Conjunction with the Provincials.--

Colonel Bradstreet having Sollicited to have the Command of the Troops to proceed by Niagara, in which the Punishment of the Senecas should be One of the first Objects, I am persuaded you will think him very fit for it, And he is already beginning to make Preparations for the Boats, &ca. of which he will give you full Information.

As it may be necessary to Build two or three Schooners or Sloops on Lake Erie, I have Directed Colonel Bradstreet to Engage Carpenters to Proceed, without Delay, to Niagara, for Preparing the Timbers, &ca. And I have already Sent the Iron Work, Sails, & other Stores, fit for One Schooner of 60 Tons to Albany to be forwarded from thence to Niagara, as Colonel Bradstreet can best Contrive: I Wait for Captain Loring's Advice, before I Order the Iron Work, &ca. for the Other Vessels,

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as he ought to be the best Judge of the Size.

For the Punishment of the Delawares Shawnese & other Tribes, who have Committed Hostilities on the Ohio & Pittsburgh Communication; I have Demanded of the Province of Pensylvania 1000 Men; And of the Colony of Virginia 500; as you will See by the Copys of my Letters to the Governors: (No. 12) Should my Requisition be Complyed with, which I trust it will, the Above Corps, with such of the Companys of the 1st Battalion 60th as can be Spared from Fort Pitt (by putting such Provincials in that Fort as may be thought Necessary to leave with the Regulars that Remain there) will be full Sufficient, for Chastising & Punishing the Savages on that Side; One great Point on this Extensive & Untoward Communication, is the getting up a Sufficient Quantity of Provisions: You will perceive by my Private Letter to Lt. Governor Fauquier, that I had Proposed to him to think of Employing the Virginians in that Service, the first thing they Do—

The Provisions furnished in the upper part of that District, being by a particular Contract, which is not Expired, I Leave you a Copy thereof (No. 2) and Likewise a Copy of a New Contract, which I Intended to have Signed last Year; but Deferred it in Expectation of some New Regulation from

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home, which however I have not Received, & therefore Every thing in the Provision Department in that District Remains as before. _ But it will be much to the Benefit of the Crown that the new Con=tract might take Place

When the Indians who have Committed the Hostilities, are Sufficiently Punished; I would Leave to Sir William Johnson, who is the best Judge of the manner of Treating with them, to Conclude a Peace with them, & for Establishing, with your Advice and Concurrence, proper Rules for Carry=ing on a Free Trade as Formerly.

The Men belonging to the Platoons, that were Raised to Serve to the 30th November Inclus=ively, and are now on Lake Erie, are to be Paid out of the Extraordinarys to the Day on which they are regularly Discharged: The Officers who are on Half Pay Serving with those Platoons, to have their Pay made up full Pay, for their time of Service; And I would Allow Forrage Money to the Officers of the 42d, 77th & 80th with those of the 17th & 55th who went to Pittsburgh, & the Detroit; but not to any who Remained at the Posts below.

There are at Present three Transports here belonging to England: The three are Ready & One of them the Ward is fitted to Receive Thirty

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Officers, with the Remains of the Companys of the 77th when they arrive here; And the Other two I In=tended for the 55th Regimt, but they will Serve to take any other Reduced Officers &ca; for it will be better to send those Transports to England, as they are a great Expence to the Crown keeping them here; And take up what Vessells may be Necessary to Carry home the 55th in the Spring, - Should Orders come for that purpose. - Captain Pryce, the Agent, should proceed to England with the Last of the Transports, if his Business will permit him: Captain Shack=erly, the Other Agent, is here on his own Account.

Had the Service permitted me to Disband the 80th Regiment Immediately, & to have Sent home the 55th I Intended to have taken the Remains of the former, & the Men of the Latter, for Compleat=ing the Corps in Florida & Louisianne, which I am Affraid are very Incompleat, all but the 9th Regi=ment, which, has been filled up to the New Estab=lishment by the Companys of the Royal, & Recruits that were Sent to St Augustine: It is however very probable that Lt Colonel Robertson will have Arrived at Pensacola in time to Stop the Men of the 3d Batta=lion 60th according to my Orders which will help to fill up the other Regiments. -

I Have no Orders from Home Concerning the

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Hospital; But I think it will be best to get Rid of such part of that Expence as the Service does not Require: keeping only what may be Necessary for the Troops that will be Employed in the Spring in Re=ducing the Indians...

I Have already Mentioned the Provision Department, in the Southern District: The Troops in Nova Scotia & Newfoundland, are Supplyed by a particular Contract from Home; But the Garri=sons of Cape Breton & Island of St Johns must be furnished from hence: And you will See by the Copys of my Letters to Lt Colonel Tulliken (No. 8) that I have Sent a Vessell to Louisbourg, with a fresh Supply for that & the Dependent Garrisons.—

The Contract for the other Parts on this Continent Expired on the 5th Instant; & Consequent=ly the Provisions for the future belong Entirely to the Crown: The Copys of my Correspondence with the Board of Treasury (No. 9) & with the Agents here, Referred to in my Letters to the Treasury, will Shew you the Method proposed, of Transferring the Provisions that may be Left in Store at the Expiration of the Contract; And You will Observe by a Letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, that it is their Lordships Orders, the Commander in Chief should Purchase, on the best Terms he can, what=

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-ever Provisions may be Necessary, untill he Receives further Directions from them: Orders have been Sent to all the Posts for Extract Returns of the Provisions in Store, that Calculations may be made of what may be Wanted; And I have particularly mentioned to their Lordships that it will be very Requisite to Order Large Quantitys to be Sent Early in the Spring to Quebec, for the Use of the Detroit, & Posts above, as the Body of Troops to be Employed there, & the Garrisons that will afterwards Remain can only be Supplyed by the River St Lawrence &ca.

I Have only to Add to this, that, agreably to the Orders Received from England, Should the Service permit the 55th. to be Sent from this Coun-try, & the 80th Regiment to be Reduced, those Orders should be Immediately Complyed with: The Men of the 80th. of Course, should be Drafted to Compleat the other Corps; And should it be Requisite to keep any Men of the 55th they should also be Drafted, that None of the Corps Remaining in any Part of this Continent may be Incompleat.

I am, | Sir | &ca.

Jeff: Amherst.

His Excellency
Major General Gage,
&ca. &ca. &ca. —

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